

FALL 2022 WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM
Monday, September 12, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022



Dear Parents,

The FALL 2022 Ashland Walking School Bus routes are getting ready to roll. A Walking School Bus (WSB) is a group of children who walk to school together under the supervision of adult leaders (eg. a parent/grandparent or community member). The program promotes good health, a cleaner environment, reduced traffic around school, and a ready-to-learn attitude for the school day. We currently have two “bus stops,” or starting points for the walkers:

Ashland Childcare Center Route—intersection of Liberty Lane and Douglas Drive— Adult supervision begins at 7:15 AM; children start walking to school at 7:30. Kids can arrive any time between 7:15 AM and 7:30 AM.

Ashland Public Library Parking Lot Route-- Adult supervision begins at 7:15 AM; children start walking to school at 7:30. Kids can arrive any time between 7:15 AM and 7:30 AM.

Complete the registration form and bring it to your Walking School Bus starting point the first day your child joins our Walking School Bus Program. Walk leaders will have extra registration forms; parents can register children on-site throughout the program. Kids can always join us along the route if we pass by your house. Feel free to form your own walking group, especially if you live south and east of the primary/elementary schools, or behind the schools.

Notes: The FALL WSB Program starts on Monday, September 12, 2022 and ends Friday, September 30, 2022. Kids can join Walking School Bus any time throughout the program.

- Always look for adult volunteers with yellow Walking School Bus back packs before leaving your child at the “bus stop.”
- Your WSB Team will operate every morning (weather permitting), but kids are not required to walk every day. A heavy rain and/or lightning will cancel the walk. Threats of severe weather cancel the walk.
- If you are late, but can see us walking, your child can join us. We don’t walk at lightning speed.
- Parents/grandparents are always welcome to join us. Adults have as much fun as the kids!
- To be a WSB adult volunteer walker, please contact Joan Seidel at jseidelpetralia@gmail.com. Several of our volunteers are taking long awaited trips this fall. **We need your help.**

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FALL 2022 WSB Check one box: Ashland Childcare Center Route Public Library Route

Name of child: _____ Grade: _____

Name of child: _____ Grade: _____

Name of parent: _____ Phone number: _____

* I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Walking School Bus program and to be photographed for promotional purposes.

* I will not hold the staff, administrators, or volunteers with Walking School Bus program or Southern Boone Primary/Elementary School responsible for accidents or injuries involving my child(ren).

Signature: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE “BUS STOP” THE FIRST DAY YOUR CHILD WALKS

WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM POLICIES for September 12, 2022 to September 30, 2022 Safety Information for FALL 2022 Walking School Bus Program

We are happy to invite your family to join the Walking School Bus program and look forward to walking your child/children to school. Send a water bottle with your child if it is hot. Have your kids wear rain gear if there is a light rain. Contact information is listed below. Sorry—Joan does not text.

Ashland Childcare Center Route: Intersection of Liberty Lane and Douglas Drive
Phone: 573-675-2623. Kids can arrive between 7:15 AM and 7:30 AM. Group leaves promptly at 7:30 AM.

Ashland Public Library Parking Lot Route: Joan Seidel-Petralia jseidelpetralia@gmail.com . Home phone: 573-657-4601. Kids can arrive any time between 7:15 AM and 7:30 AM. Group leaves promptly at 7:30 AM.

1. Only registered children may participate in the Walking School Bus program. Kids register on-site on their first day of walking. We need parent/guardian permission and parent/guardian contact information for every child.
2. Children need to be at their designated Walk Stop and ready to walk at the scheduled time.
3. If your child is not at the Walking School Bus location at the scheduled time and the group has already left, your child can join us anywhere along the route.
4. Children must obey all instructions given by their Walking School Bus leader. In particular, children must walk (not run), must stay on the sidewalk, and must not “horse around.”
5. Children who do not follow instructions or who endanger themselves or others will be reported and may be suspended from the program.
6. If there is a light rain, kids may walk **ONLY if they have rain gear**. Umbrellas and/or raincoats are needed. It is wise to pack dry socks in the backpack. Heavy rain and threats of lightening cancel the walk.
7. Photographs of the children may be used in promotional materials.



Hope to see you soon!