

VOLUNTEER WALK LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Volunteer Walk Leaders are the backbone of the Walking School Bus Program!

Volunteer Walk Leaders

- Safely and responsibly walk children to school at least once a week
- Ensure that WSB's move at a timely pace
- Help children when crossing the street
- Encourage a safe environment and offer encouragement to walkers
- Demonstrate pedestrian safety
- Discuss behavior or injury occurrences with school personnel
- Have fun!

To be a Volunteer Walk Leader, you must:

- Attend a 1-hour training session
- Agree to a criminal background check
- Co-lead students on the walk to school 1-2 times per week, between 7:30-8:30am.

Each Volunteer Leader receives:

- Training, equipment and program literature describing program policies on child behavior, safety protocols, and cancellation due to inclement weather – as well as ideas for making the walks fun and enjoyable for everyone.
- Assignment to co-lead one group of children along one WSB route and help with starting out on Walk Leader duties
- On-going support from the Walking School Bus Coordinator and school

If one leader has a conflict, he/she first checks to see if another leader of the same route is available to cover the walk to school. The WSB Program Coordinator can also assist with finding alternate route leaders.

**** What makes the program such a success is the deep commitment of Volunteer Leaders to be on time and completely dependable.** Serving as a Volunteer Walk Leader is a very special way to connect with local students and the larger neighborhood while getting a healthy dose of exercise!

Please be in touch with the East End Community School Walking School Bus Program about any questions at: eeecs@walkingschoolbus.me

