

Hawkins Walking School Bus Policies and Guidelines

Please review with your children and retain this copy of Walking School Bus Policies and Guidelines

WALKING SCHOOL BUS (WSB) POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Program Policies

- Only registered children may participate in the WSB program.
- Each WSB will be led by at least 2 YMCA staff or volunteers.
- Children must be at their designated **remote drop off** location and ready to walk at the scheduled time; between 8:15 and 8:30am. The WSB will leave promptly at 8:35am.
- Parents must pick up their child at their designated PM **remote pick up** location on time; between 3:30 and 3:40pm.
- Children must obey all instructions given by WSB and leaders, and adhere to all safety policies.
- Photographs of children may be used in promotional materials.

Safety Policies and Rules

- Stay together.
- Walk and do not run.
- Stay on sidewalk or walk facing traffic far away from oncoming traffic if no sidewalk.
- Behave sensibly (no horsing around).
- Cross streets and intersections as a group.

Consequences for breaking the safety rules:

- First offense – Warning and parents notified
- Second offense – Suspension from WSB for 1 week
- Third offense – Expulsion from program

Cancellation and Absenteeism Policies

Bad Weather

The WSB leader will cancel the WSB if:

- They are ill and unable to safely perform job
- The temperature drops below 32 F.
- It is raining hard enough to wet children's clothes.
- There is a severe weather warning in the area.

The WSB leader will contact each participating family by 7:30am or 2:00pm via email if the WSB is cancelled. (please make sure your email contact info. is updated)

If your child will not be walking with the WSB in the AM:

You should make every effort to email your WSB leader by 7:30am. The WSB leader must stay on schedule and cannot wait for your child to arrive. If late, you will need to get your child to school.

If your child will not be walking with the WSB in the PM:

You should make every effort to email your WSB leader by 2:00pm.

PLEASE CONTACT: Jenny Hansen, Toledo SRTS Coordinator with any questions. jhansen@ymcatoledo.org or 419-725.7845

