

# Walking School Bus Permission/Registration Form – return the top portion to school

Yes! I would like to register my child for the Walking School Bus Program/Remote Drop off and Pick-up located at Toledo Metro Parks, Botanical Gardens entrance on Bancroft St. **In an effort to keep all students safe from traffic we strongly encourage the use of this location instead of parking on Olimphia or at Grace Baptist Church to drop off or pick up your student. The adult WSB leaders will walk your student to and from school for you on a trail away from traffic that connects the school and park.**

School:    HAWKINS STEM ACADEMY   

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the days your children will participate.

MORNINGS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

AFTERNOONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Walking School Bus program and I understand and agree to the policies below. I will not hold the Walking School Bus leaders/volunteers, YMCA of Greater Toledo, their partners and representatives, or the school responsible for any accidents or injuries.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: 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 8:35am. The WSB will leave promptly at 8:40am.
- Parents must pick up their child at their designated PM **remote pick up** location on time; between 3:30 and 3:45pm.
- 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
- Extreme cold weather
- 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 contact info. is updated)

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

You should make every effort to get your child to the drop off location on time. 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 contact your WSB leader by 2:00pm.

**PLEASE CONTACT:** Jenny Hansen, Toledo SRTS Coordinator with any questions. [jhansen@ymcatoledo.org](mailto:jhansen@ymcatoledo.org) or 419-725.7845

