



# Walkers Guide

## for Kingsley Charter School's Walking School Bus

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Kingsley Charter Elementary School is proud to offer its students a program that encourages them to walk to school. We use a “**Walking School Bus**”, which is simply a group of parents and children walking to school together along a predetermined route. The group is led by parent volunteers, referred to as “**Bus Drivers**”.

**The safety of all walkers is our primary concern!** To ensure a safe and enjoyable walk for everyone, we have established some basic guidelines for participation. Participation in this program is voluntary, and by doing so you agree that you and your student will comply with all program terms, conditions and guidelines.

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**Take advantage of this opportunity to talk to your child about pedestrian safety. There are plenty of good resources on the internet, and the following link is a great start:**

**[www.walkingschoolbus.org/safety.pdf](http://www.walkingschoolbus.org/safety.pdf)**

- After our kick-off event, every Wednesday is now “Walking Wednesday”.
- Route #1 (ACE parking lot) will be our “Primary Walking Route” and the only route officially organized each week. All other walking routes are provided as a means of helping families organize their own group walks to school with other students/families.
- Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- For safety reasons, older students wishing to walk without a parent may be denied participation based on the ratio of parents-to-students.
- Arrive on time and ready to walk—walking school bus can not wait for late arrivals
- It will be dark during walk—dress brightly and bring a flashlight
- Never leave your child alone or unattended at the drop-off or anywhere along the route
- All walkers **must check-in** with one of our “bus drivers” prior to walking
- All walkers must submit a completed and signed “**Consent Form**” prior to walking
- The use of personal electronic devices (phones, PDA’s, MP3’s, game systems, etc) is *strictly prohibited by all participants* during walk to school
- No student should enter a street or crosswalk until directed to do so by a “bus driver”
- Cross only at locations designated by “bus drivers” - no shortcuts or j-walking
- Disruptive behavior is a safety hazard and will not be tolerated—disruptive students may be separated from the group and asked not to participate in future walks
- Weather: Please use parental discretion to determine if your child should walk. We will walk in light rain (dress appropriately) but may cancel if weather is more severe.
- You may want to coordinate plans for getting back to your car with other parents *in advance*

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## ***BE SMART—BE SEEN!***

***Dress in brightly colored clothing—Bring a flashlight***

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Complete program information is available on our website—[www.kingsleycharter.org](http://www.kingsleycharter.org)  
To register for a walk, volunteer, or ask questions contact us at [KingsleyWalks@gmail.com](mailto:KingsleyWalks@gmail.com)