

Walking School Bus Program

Dear Families,

We are excited to introduce a **Walking School Bus Program** for students who would like to walk to and from school with adult supervision.

A Walking School Bus works much like a regular school bus, except that students walk together along a designated route with a school staff member. An Educational Assistant wearing a high-visibility safety vest will be stationed at designated meeting points along the route each morning. Students who wish to participate can join the group at one of these locations and walk together to school.

How It Works

- Families are responsible for ensuring their child arrives at the designated stop **during the scheduled time window**.
- The Educational Assistant will be present at each stop during the posted times and will continue along the route according to the schedule each day.
- The route and stop times will remain consistent.
- Staff members will not be taking attendance. Participation is voluntary, and students may join the walking group at any designated stop.
- Similar to school bussing, the walking group cannot wait for late arrivals. If your child misses the scheduled time, families will be responsible for getting them safely to school.

Morning Meeting Points and Times

(Please see attached map.)

Stop	Location	Time
A	West Atlas Crescent & North Point Boulevard	8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.
B	East Atlas Crescent & North Point Boulevard	8:15 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.
C	Aquila Road & North Point Boulevard	8:15a.m. - 8:20 a.m.
D	Auriga Lane & North Point Boulevard	8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.

End of Day

Students who participate in the Walking School Bus will walk home along the same route after school.

Students will meet at the **Kindergarten play structure located at the front of the school facing Mira Gate** after being dismissed by their classroom teacher. The Walking School Bus will depart promptly at **3:05 p.m.**

Students will be walked to their designated stop (A, B, C, or D) only. **Students will not be walked to individual homes or residences.**

Families are responsible for determining whether their child will:

- Be met by a parent, guardian, or designated adult at the stop; or
- Walk independently from the designated stop to their home.

Parents and guardians are welcome to meet students at the designated stops. However, the Educational Assistant supervising the Walking School Bus **will not be responsible for individually handing students off to parents or guardians at the stops.** The Educational Assistant's responsibility is to supervise the group of students along the walking route and to ensure students arrive safely at the designated stop locations.

By choosing to participate in the Walking School Bus Program, families acknowledge that supervision by school staff begins at the morning stop and ends when students arrive at their designated afternoon stop.

Benefits of the Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus is a wonderful opportunity for students to:

- Enjoy fresh air and daily physical activity
- Develop independence and responsibility
- Build friendships with peers
- Arrive at school ready to learn

We look forward to seeing students participate in this exciting program.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Crystal Hanson & Cheryl Deans

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