

[INSERT SCHOOL or DISTRICT LOGO]

[NAME OF SCHOOL] WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM
Volunteer Walk Leader Application



Thank you for your interest in becoming a WSB Volunteer Walk Leader!

For more information about the program, please see the reverse side of this form.

Please complete the form below and return it to [NAME OF SCHOOL]. You may also register online at [INSERT ONLINE FORM LINK]

Our Walking School Bus Coordinator will be in touch with you shortly. Please feel free to be in touch with any questions: [NAME OF COORDINATOR] at: [INSERT COORD PHONE] or [INSERT COORD E-MAIL]

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Name: _____ Please note if you have ever used another last name: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ (Feel free to include more than one phone number, but please include your cellphone number as each volunteer needs to carry one.)

Date of Birth (for background check): _____

Best e-mail address to reach you in timely manner: _____

In case of emergency, please notify (name, relationship, phone number): _____

How many mornings a week are you available to volunteer? Please share the most realistic number - thanks!

1 morning per week 2 3 4 5 Other: _____

Which mornings are you available to volunteer? Please choose all that apply. This helps us know all the coverage options across our volunteer pool. We will ONLY schedule you for the number of mornings you indicated in the last question.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Anything else you would like to add?

We will schedule a one-hour training session and complete a background check for all volunteers in the WSB program. Signing this form indicates your approval of the process. Thank you for your cooperation!

I, _____ (print your name) will not hold the [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], the [NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT], Maine Safe Routes to School Program, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Maine Center for Disease Control, Maine Department of Transportation, staff, administrators, or other volunteers responsible for accidents or injuries involving me.

Signature of Applicant

Date

VOLUNTEER WALK LEADERS ARE THE WONDERFUL BACKBONE OF THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM!

Looking for a great new way to get in a healthy dose of exercise and fresh air and connect with your community? Interested in helping kids and improving safety? We are continually recruiting volunteers for the Walking School Bus Program at the [NAME OF SCHOOL]. All of our Walking School Bus Program routes are designed to be no more than a 30 minute walk at a casual pace.

We ask that you:

- Attend a 1-hour training session
- Agree to a criminal background check
- Be available 1-2 times per week, between [INSERT ONE HOUR TIMEFRAME].

Please sign up to become a Volunteer Leader using the Walking School Bus Volunteer form on the other side of this sheet! Once you submit your form, you will be contacted by our Walking School Bus Coordinator and asked to attend the volunteer training.

HOW VOLUNTEERING WORKS

The WSB Program Coordinator trains each Volunteer Walk Leader and manages the day-to-day coordination of the school's WSB Program. Each Volunteer Leader will receive training, support, and be supplied with program literature describing program policies on child behavior, cancellation due to inclement weather, and ideas for making the walks fun and enjoyable for everyone!

Volunteer Leaders are then assigned to share one group of children along one WSB route. If one leader is ill or 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 our Volunteer Leaders to be on time and completely dependable.

The Volunteer Leader also regularly checks in with the school's Walking School Bus Program. *Serving as a Volunteer Walk Leader is a very special way to connect with local students and the larger neighborhood – please sign up to participate!*

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