

# VOLUNTEER WALK LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

## Volunteer Walk Leaders are the Wonderful Backbone of the Walking School Bus Program

The best candidates for serving as Volunteer Walk leaders are enthusiastic, reliable adults who are interested in:

- getting a healthy dose of exercise and fresh air
- helping students and improving safety
- connecting with the community

All Walking School Bus Program routes are designed to be no more than a 30 minute walk at a casual pace (one mile or less).

### *Volunteer Walk Leaders:*

- Attend a 1-hour training session
- Agree to a criminal background check
- Co-lead students on the walk to school 1-2 times per week, between [INSERT ONE HOUR TIMEFRAME].

## How Volunteering Works

### *Each Volunteer Leader receives:*

- Training, equipment and program literature describing program policies on child behavior, safety protocols, and cancellation due to inclement weather – as well as ideas for making the walks fun and enjoyable for everyone.
- Assignment to co-lead one group of children along one WSB route and help with starting out on Walk Leader duties
- On-going support from the Walking School Bus Coordinator and school

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 Volunteer Leaders to be on time and completely dependable.** Serving as a Volunteer Walk Leader is a very special way to connect with local students and the larger neighborhood.

**Please be in touch with the [NAME OF SCHOOL] Walking School Bus Program about any questions:** [NAME OF COORDINATOR] at: [INSERT COORD PHONE] or [INSERT COORD E-MAIL]

