



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AT OUR SCHOOL

1. Complete the Informed Consent, Parent Agreement and Student Pledge forms, and return them to the school office in the Walk to School mailbox. It is essential that the program coordinator receive your forms to ensure enrollment (Genise Plessas 419-1191). Please feel free to call if you have any questions. Please do not give forms to your child's teacher.
2. Watch for information coming soon about our Walk to School Program start-up date for your area. Mark your calendars for special events. We are working hard to make this a fun and safe alternative to driving to school. This program is an important part of our growing community.
3. In order to maintain this program for our school, we are dependent on volunteers who can dedicate an hour or so a week to be a Walking School Program Supervisor. If you are interested in walking with a group of students at least once or twice a week, please complete the Walk to School Program Supervisor Commitment form **and contact your program coordinator for details on completing the required steps.**

This program is important for our school, the children and a way to get to know your neighbors.



Walk to School Committee
Natomas Park Elementary
 4700 Crest Drive, Sacramento CA 95835



Parent Informed Consent Form for Participation in the Walk to School Program.

Purpose and Explanation of the Program

The Walk to School Program is designed to reduce the traffic around the school and increase our children’s safety and activity. Children who participate in the program can walk to and from school in groups lead by adult volunteers (with background checks and training). Routes to and from school will be predetermined and assigned based on the safety.

The goals of the program include:

- ◆ Increase safety for pedestrians in the school and neighborhood
- ◆ Reduce traffic in and around the school
- ◆ Decrease crime when more people are outside keeping an eye on their neighborhood
- ◆ Increase daily physical activities for children and adults
- ◆ Increase community cohesion by helping neighbors get to know one another

Potential Risks:

The Walk to School Program is intended to reduce the risk of injury to children as they travel to and from school through the use of adult supervision. However, there are risks associated with child pedestrians. These specific risks include injury as a result of motor vehicles crashes, a fall, or carelessness. Our objective is to reduce these natural risks by training both Supervisor and Student on the safest way to walk.

Voluntary Consent:

I certify that I have read this consent form or it has been read to me and that I understand the program and its risks. By signing this consent form, I agree to allow my child/children named below to participate in this program.

Child’s Name: _____ Age _____ Track _____
 _____ Age _____ Track _____
 _____ Age _____ Track _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature of Child’s Parent or Guardian: _____

Address _____

I would like to sign up for my children to be escorted to school in the morning on the following days.

M T W TH F (please circle)

I would like to sign up for my children to be escorted home after school on the following days.

M T W TH F (please circle) pick-up for after school is outlined above.

Be sure to let the supervisor know if your child has other arrangements after school. OR if there is a situation that we need to be aware of concern who may not pick-up your child.

If I have any questions about the program, I may contact:

Natomas Park Elementary at 928-5234

Genise Plessas at 419-1191

Walk to School Committee, Chair/Coordinator

Ed Aguilar at 419-0633

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PARENT AGREEMENT FORM

The Walk to School Program was designed to provide our students with an organized, safe and healthy option for their journey to school. *Our number one priority is safety.* As the program is maintained through parent volunteers your assistance in ensuring that your children are aware of our simple rules, make the program safer and more fun for all involved.

I _____ as a parent/guardian of a child enrolled in the Walk to School Program, will encourage and promote pedestrian safety skills to my children and thoroughly review the following rules and regulations with them.

1. Students must arrive at the designated “STOP” on time each morning. At the beginning of the school day, the Supervisor will leave their home at 7:30 a. m. and be at your families designated location within 5 - 15 minutes.
2. Supervisor groups will wait for three minutes at each stop but will not be able to wait any longer for tardy students.
3. If students are late for the departure from school, they must report to the school office so that parents or caregivers can be notified. Departure for students in 1st through 3rd will leave at 2:05 pm and students in 4th and 5th will leave at 2:25 pm. The meeting location for departure is by the front gate near the office, inside the gate by the benches.
4. If a supervisor has children in their group in both time frames, the early group will wait at school with the supervisor until the later group is released.
5. All students must follow the instructions and directions provided by the “Walk to School Program Supervisor” and listen to other parent volunteers on that route, walk in an orderly manner, ensuring their own safety and that of the other students walking with them.
6. Students must stay close to the Supervisor and listen to requests.
7. Students must stay on the sidewalks, or walking paths where provided. Please respect lawns and gardens in the neighborhood..
8. **If a student is not going to be walking in the morning or in the afternoon, the Parent/Guardian needs to let the Supervisor know, as soon as the Parent/Guardian knows.**

Any student behaving in an inappropriate manner will be given a warning, at which time their parents will be notified and encouraged to review pedestrian safety, Walk to School Program requirements and expectations with their child. In the event of continued problems, the child will be given a school **citation** that must be signed by the parent and returned to the Principal for the child to continue in the program.

Parent “Supervisors” will drop off and pick up students at the designated location at the school but are not responsible for taking the child to their classroom except for kindergarten students who will be dropped off outside their classrooms.

We can currently only escort children to the morning Kindergarten class. There is not a pick-up for kindergarten children.

Signature

Date



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STUDENT PLEDGE FORM

I _____ wish to be a member of Natomas Park Elementary Walk to School Program.

I agree to the following rules: (discuss these with parents/caregivers and place a check mark in each box below).

- I will be on time and not keep everyone waiting
- I will obey all the traffic rules and demonstrate safe pedestrian behavior
- I will listen to the parent volunteer "Supervisor" who is taking us to School or on our return home.
- I will not speed ahead or keep the group waiting because I am going too slow or fooling around.
- Arrangements will be made so that someone will be home after school to meet me.
- The pick-up place each morning will be _____ at _____ am.
- The Walk to School Program Pick-up location at school is _____ at _____ pm.
- I will not go to school or leave school by myself or with friends or anyone else unless I have my parent's written permission, and the "supervisor" knows about this arrangement.
- I will notify the Supervisor if I am not going to walk to or from school with the Walk to School Program for any reason.

Late Policy

- If I am late and the Supervisor has already gone, I will inform the school office so that arrangements can be made for my safe journey home. I will wait in the office until my parent/caregiver come to pick me up. My parent/caregiver is responsible for getting me to or from school if I am late.
- I have learned traffic safety rules and know how to walk safely.

Behavior Rule

- I understand that if I behave in an unsafe manner in traffic, or I do not listen to and obey the directions of the Supervisor, I will be given a warning and my parent/caregiver will be informed. This will be my first and last chance. If I do not follow the rules and behavior expected, I understand that I will not be allowed to continue being a member of the Walk to School Program.

Child Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature _____ Date: _____