

Frequently asked questions- WSB at Fairhope West Elementary School

- Who walks with the children? *FWE teachers and trained adult volunteers. Parents are always welcome to walk, as well.*
- When does the WSB begin and end? *It begins the first day of school & ends on the last day of school. The WSB operates every day that school is in session.*
- What grades are eligible to participate in the WSB? *K-6 are eligible.*
- Does my child need to be registered? *We allow children to “try out” the WSB without registering, but if the parent intends the child to walk regularly, they should be registered.*
- How is attendance handled for the WSB? *Attendance is taken daily. Your child should immediately “check in” at their grade station as soon as they arrive.*
- Does the WSB walk on rainy days? *Yes, we walk on rainy days, but not if the weather is severe.*
- What is the dress for the WSB? *Your child must be dressed appropriately for the weather. Umbrellas or raincoats are needed for rainy days and coats, gloves, & hats are needed for cold days.*
- What is the time frame/location for dropping off my child? *Drop off is from 7:05-7:20 am. Children are not to be dropped off before 7:05 am. The WSB begins to “line-up” by 7:15 and takes off promptly at 7:20am. The drop off lane is on the corner of School Street and Fairhope Ave (on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College).*
- Acceptable ways to drop off your child: *1.) Use the car line drop off on School Street 2.) Park & walk with your child to the site location. (For safety, do NOT allow your child to cross a street or walk unattended to the WSB site.)*
- What does my child do if they arrive early? *Most children play in the grassy field; others read or visit with friends.*
- Does my child have to walk every day? *No, but most children prefer to walk daily.*
- Can I walk with my child & bring a younger sibling? *Yes, however, the parent is responsible for the safety of the sibling.*
- What if my child is running late? *The parent must ensure that the child is able to safely join the moving line of the WSB. If late, the child will not be counted present on the WSB roll for that day.*
- How am I kept updated about changes that may occur with the WSB program? *Changes will be communicated to registered students via e-mail, and Walking School Bus Facebook. Severe weather notifications are made through Remind.*
- What is the high mileage recognition program? *Students who walk 70% of the days of a month will receive a foot bead. The first month that a student walks 80% of the days in the month, they will receive a plastic WSB book bag tag with their name on the tag.*
- How do I access the website & Facebook page?
Website: <http://fairhopewalkingschoolbus.weebly.com/> FB: *Fairhope Schools Walking School Bus*
- What FWE teachers walk with the WSB? *Coach Hudson & Mrs. Gerstenschlager*
- What are Castle Fridays? *Each Friday we cross the stone bridge to walk in front of the Fairhope Castles. Magical things sometimes occur on Castle Fridays!*
- What if I have other questions about the WSB program? *Call WSB Director Charlene Lee, at 251-402-2795, FWE Coordinator Cathy Hudson at 251-422-9013 or e-mail walkingschoolbusfes@gmail.com.*
- What is Baldwin County Trailblazer’s role in the WSB?
The WSB program is a program of the nonprofit Baldwin County Trailblazers who initiated many of the Safe Routes to School efforts in Baldwin County. To see all Trailblazers initiatives, visit www.baldwincountytrailblazers.com.