***Frequently asked questions: pilot Walking School Bus at East: 2020-2021***

* **Who walks with the children? *WSB staff and trained adult volunteers.***
* **When does the WSB begin and end? *It begins September 1stl & ends on the last day of school.***
* **What children are eligible to participate in the WSB*? Any student that was previously enrolled in WSB at FES (now Fairhope West) is eligible for the pilot WSB at Fairhope East.***
* **Does my child need to be registered*? Yes. Registration forms are available on the WSB website. The form can be scanned and e-mailed to walkingschoolbusfes@gmail.com.***
* **How is attendance handled for the WSB? *Attendance is taken daily. Your child should immediately “check in” at the WSB gazebo as soon as they arrive.***
* **Does the WSB walk on rainy days*? Yes, we walk on rainy days, but not if there is lightening. Lightening means you will drop your child off in the school car line.***
* **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 & takes off promptly at 7:20am. The drop off lane is the drive through lane of Citizens Bank at 905 Plantation Blvd. We will walk on sidewalks down Edwards Street to FIS.***
* **What does my child do if they arrive early? *Most children play in the grassy field.***
* **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 will be 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.***
* **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.***
* **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 a 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/>

**Facebook: *Fairhope Schools Walking School Bus***

* **What WSB staff will be present on a daily basis? *Tammy Leytham will be present everyday & Charlene Lee will be present periodically.***
* ***What if I have other questions about the WSB program? Call WSB Director Charlene Lee, at 251-402-2795, Fairhope East Coordinator Tammy Leytham at 251-923-7256 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***](http://www.baldwincountytrailblazers.com)***.***