



DESANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear DeSana Parents,

Every year families choose to allow their students to walk to and from school each day. If you wish for your student to have the option of walking to and from DeSana Middle School each day, please pay attention to the details outlined in this letter.

Your child's safety is our top priority. With this in mind, there are a few safety recommendations that we suggest are followed in order to keep our student walkers safe. It is important that parents/guardians always know the route their student will be walking and the times of day. We encourage our parents to establish expectations with their children when it comes to their walking to and from school. Below are some suggestions of expectations to review with your child often:

- Be careful at intersections, driveways, entrances to neighborhoods; watch for drivers that may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Increase your visibility when it is dark by carrying a flashlight and/or wearing reflective clothing.
- Have a walking buddy.
- Talk to your students about talking to people they do not know.

Students who plan to walk to and from school are required to have a parent permission on file. We request that students do not ride bicycles to school.

All students walking home along James Road must exit the front of the building, walk along the sidewalk on campus, and cross only at designated crosswalks.

The sidewalk that faces west towards Union Hill Road is only 860 feet long from where the students begin to walk or bike on James Road until the sidewalk ends. There is another 700 feet of grass from the end of the sidewalk until Union Hill.

Each morning, please make sure your child knows how they are getting home that day. Students are allowed to check for parent text messages only at the end of the day.

If you would like for your students to have the opportunity to walk to and from school, please complete the online permission form.

Thank you,

Keith Sargent
Principal

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