

Walking School Bus Leader Job Position

Job Description

- Number of positions: 4 (2 in Vancouver, and 2 in North Vancouver)
- Job Type: Part time, 7-10 hours/week (most hours are weekdays before school 8-9am)
- Term: September 2021-June 2022
- Location: This position will primarily take place in the neighbourhoods surrounding schools in Vancouver or North Vancouver
- Salary: \$22-\$28/hour

A Walking School Bus (WSB) is an organized group of students who walk to school together with the support of an adult leader or leaders. Kid Commute: A Walking School Bus is a pilot program taking place in school districts across the Lower Mainland during the 2021-2022 school year to encourage active transport.

Following our program manual, the Walking School Bus Leader will cultivate awareness of the program, recruit participating families, and introduce and practice safety skills while walking a group of elementary school children to school before school every morning. This position involves communicating with school administration, children, and families; daily outdoor physical activity; and informal education skills.

Responsibilities

- Liaise with school administration, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), families, and children to raise awareness of and interest in the WSB and recruit participants
- Communicate with prospective participants to introduce yourself, pass along relevant information, and answer questions.
- Assist in creating the WSB schedule
- Collect and maintain up-to-date emergency contact information
- Participate in staff training (program training and First Aid)
- Be on time and prepared for shifts
- Collect children at WSB stops and walk children to school (mornings only) along a designated route
- Teach and promote pedestrian safety as outlined in our program manual
- Ensure student arrive to school safely and on time.
- Collect and submit daily program data reports
- Participate in program evaluation

There are four (4) positions available: Two (2) in Vancouver and two (2) in North Vancouver.

Qualifications

- Informal and/or formal experience working with school aged children
- Experience in relationship building, particularly in a school setting
- Strong verbal and listening communication skills
- Friendly demeanor
- Physical fitness, ability to walk or self-propel at a moderate pace for approximately 2km, or 30 minutes, daily
- 20/20 Vision (with or without corrective lenses) and adequate depth and peripheral vision
- Respect for people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities, and sexual identities.
- Ability to dress appropriately for and work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work without direct supervision
- Familiarity with the school community and/or school neighbourhood is preferred
- Participation in one-day training session with DASH
- Completion of First Aid Training
- Commitment to daily shift hours (before the start of the school day, approximately 7:45-8:45am daily, October 2021-June 2022)
- Ability to transport self to and from the school location
- Successful completion of a Vulnerable Sector Police Record Check (completed within 6 months) is required

Instructions to Apply

Please send resume and cover letter to sfriedman@dashbc.ca by Sunday, September 12, 2021, 11:59PM. Please include your last name and “WSB Leader” and the name of the preferred job location (Vancouver or North Vancouver) in subject line.

About DASH

DASH is a province-wide non-profit society whose mission is to collaborate with schools and other partner organizations to create, facilitate, and support school communities to be optimal places for health and learning through a Comprehensive School Health approach. Comprehensive School Health is an internationally recognized framework for supporting improvements in students' educational outcomes while addressing school health in a planned, integrated, and holistic way. DASH has developed and facilitated health promotion programs and resources for over 30 years.