



Designated Walker Permission Form & Liability Release

Academic Year: 20____ – 20____

1. Walker Eligibility & Approved Neighborhood Zone

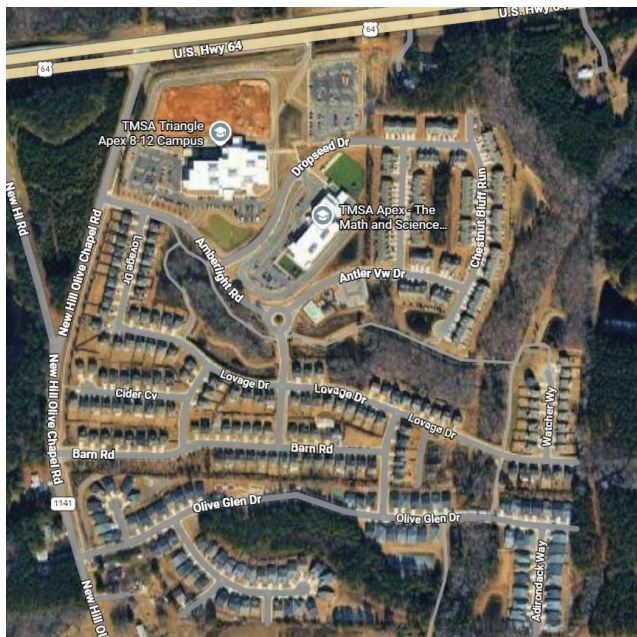
Students residing **exclusively** within the highlighted map boundaries below (encompassing the neighborhood streets directly adjacent to the TMSA campuses, bounded by U.S. Hwy 64 to the north and New Hill Olive Chapel Rd to the west/south) are eligible to apply for independent walker status.

Strict Residency Policy: The address provided below **must be the student's primary legal residence**. Using a friend's, relative's, or secondary address within the zone to qualify for walker status is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate revocation of walker privileges. **Proof of residence must be verified by school staff.**

Annual Authorization Only: *This Permission Form is valid for the academic year indicated above only and must be resubmitted and re-verified each school year. Walker status does not automatically carry over to a new school year, a change of address, or a change of campus.*

Reservation of Rights: *TMSA reserves the right to deny, suspend, or revoke walker privileges at any time, for any student, for reasons including but not limited to safety concerns, behavioral or disciplinary issues, failure to comply with dismissal procedures, or a parent/guardian's written request — regardless of residency status.*

Nondiscrimination & Students with Disabilities: *Eligibility determinations will be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. For a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan, walker eligibility will be reviewed by the student's IEP/504 team in coordination with the parent/guardian to ensure the arrangement is consistent with the student's plan.*



2. Dismissal Procedures & Safety Rules

To ensure student safety and accurate campus accountability, all approved walkers must adhere to the following mandatory protocols:

- **Front Desk Check-Out:** Walkers must check out at the front desk prior to exiting the building.
- **Designated Exit:** Walkers must exit campus **exclusively through the main front doors**. Exiting through side or rear doors is strictly prohibited.
- **Walker Badge Required:** Approved students will be issued a special **Walker Badge**. This badge **must be worn alongside their regular Student ID** at all times during dismissal.
- **Identification Check:** Students must present their Walker Badge and Student ID if approached or questioned by staff, law enforcement, or campus safety personnel outside the designated dismissal/carpool area.
- ***Inclement Weather & Emergency Suspension: Walker privileges are automatically suspended on days with severe weather (e.g., thunderstorms, extreme heat/cold, tornado or hurricane warnings), during a lockdown or other emergency, and on early release or delayed opening days — unless the school gives advance written notice that walking is permitted. Parents will be notified through the school's standard communication channels.***
- ***Non-Arrival Notification: Parents/guardians are responsible for confirming their child's safe arrival home. If a child does not arrive home within a reasonable time after dismissal, the***



parent/guardian must immediately contact the school's front office and, if warranted, local law enforcement.

- **Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Badge: Any lost, stolen, or damaged Walker Badge must be reported to the front office immediately. A student without a valid Walker Badge will not be released as an independent walker and will be held for standard dismissal/pickup procedures until a badge is reissued.**

3. Student & Parent Information *(Please Print)*

- Student Full Name: _____
- Grade: _____ Teacher/Homeroom: _____
- Age: _____
- Primary Street Address: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
- Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
- Primary Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____
- Parent Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone (if different from parent/guardian):

4. Proof of Residence Verification *(School Office Use Only)*

- ☐ Utility Bill (Electric, Water, Gas)
- ☐ Signed Lease Agreement / Mortgage Statement
- ☐ Government-Issued Document / Driver's License
- **Verified By (Staff Initials):** _____ **Date Verified:** _____
- **Walker Badge Issued Date:** _____ **Badge #:** _____

5. Release of Liability & Parental Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. **Permission & Compliance:** I grant permission for my child to walk to and from TMSA Apex. I confirm that my child understands and will follow all checkout procedures, badge display requirements, and designated exit routes.
2. **Residency Certification:** I certify under penalty of privilege revocation that the address provided is my child's primary legal residence within the approved zone.
3. **Release of Liability:** I understand that TMSA Apex's supervision and responsibility for my child ends **immediately once they check out and depart through the main front doors.**



4. **Safety Responsibility:** I accept full responsibility for my child's safety, route, and conduct after leaving school grounds. The school is not liable for any injuries, accidents, or incidents occurring off school property.
5. **Indemnification:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless TMSA Public Charter Schools, its Board of Directors, employees, and agents from and against any claims, damages, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or related to my child's participation in the Designated Walker Program.
6. **Third-Party & Environmental Risks:** I understand that TMSA does not control and is not responsible for the conduct of drivers, other pedestrians, or third parties, or for weather, traffic, or other conditions along my child's route once dismissal supervision has ended.
7. **Program Modification or Discontinuation:** I understand that TMSA may modify, suspend, or discontinue the Designated Walker Program, in whole or in part, at any time and at its sole discretion — including on a school-wide or individual basis — for safety or operational reasons.
8. **Governing Law & Severability:** This Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina. If any provision of this Release is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Authorization & Signatures

- Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____
- Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
- Date: _____
- Student Signature: _____
- Date: _____