September 2026

Dear Parents of 4th and 5th Grade Students:

If you are going to give your child permission to walk or bike to school, please adhere to the following Allen Creek Policy. We are concerned about the safety of students who cross or walk along East Avenue.

---K-3 students are not allowed to walk or ride their bike to school.

---AII walkers and bikers are required to cross East Avenue at Allens Creek Road with the crossing guard.

---Children MAY NOT cross from Allen Creek to Knollwood, they cannot be seen behind the large signal post, and the slight hill preceding this crosswalk further obscures driver vision.

---East Avenue is a 40 mph road with no "school speed zone" or flashing yellow lights at the school. There is a crossing guard at Allens Creek Road and East Avenue.

Because walking can be dangerous, it is important that you walk your children through the route and teach them safe walking and biking rules. Here are some points you might want to cover:

1. At traffic lights and curbs wait for the "Walk" or green light. Teach them 1-2-3-4: STOP, LOOK LEFT, LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT AGAIN, LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER FOR TURNING CARS. Make sure that vehicles are not moving or approaching.

2. Cross intersections within the crosswalk lines.

3. Walk bicycles across intersections.

4. Avoid play or conversations when crossing.

5. Teach your children to think defensively. Remind them that:
   --Drivers might not be paying attention.
   --Drivers might not see the light.
   --Drivers may be impaired.
   --Drivers might not be able to stop when road is wet, snowy, or covered with leaves. --Drivers might try to "beat the light".

We believe that following these rules will allow our children to arrive at school safely. However, it is important to remember that bus transportation is available to all students and that under certain conditions it is safer for children to take the bus to school. During inclement weather Allen Creek will make the decision to send all student home on the bus.

If you have any questions or concerns about this safety issue, please contact me at 267-1202.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey T. Pollard
ACE Principal

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Dear 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

Some of you may decide to allow your child to walk to or from school. If you would like to give your child permission to do so, please complete the following and return this form to school.

My child, _____

has permission to:

☐ walk to school

☐ walk home from school

_____

Parent signature Date