

Permission to Walk

In order to ensure the safety of our students, the Ancona School requires that any student walking home have a signed permission form in the office. We live in a big community and your child's safety is of paramount importance. We recommend that all students are accompanied by an adult or be a car rider to and from school *at any age*. We do, however, understand that some parents wish to allow their students to walk to school or walk home after school.

Walking home unsupervised by an adult is a big responsibility and children should take it seriously. If you feel comfortable with your child walking alone, please review the following safety tips with your child and complete the form below.

General safety tips

- **Never** talk to strangers and **never** accept rides from strangers.
- Cross the street only when the sign says walk. If there is not a walk/don't walk sign, then cross only on the green light.
- Watch out for cars making right turns on a red light.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street—look left, look right, look left again—then proceed carefully.
- Walk, don't run across the street.
- Always cross at the corner. Don't cross in the middle of the block or walk in between parked cars.
- Pay attention to traffic sights and sounds. Don't wear headphones or talk on a cell phone on the way to school.
- Stay alert at all times while walking. Accidents can happen when we are not paying attention.

I understand that by signing this waiver, I authorize my child, _____, to walk to and/or from school.

I, individually and/or on behalf of my minor child(ren), hereby release and hold the Ancona School and their officers, trustees, employees, directors, volunteers, and/or others acting on their behalf harmless from negligence and any and all claims that I or my child may have arising from walking home from school.

I, individually and/or on behalf of any minor child(ren), expressly and specifically assume any and all risk of injury,

illness, death, or property damage resulting from allowing my child to walk home from school.

I, individually and on behalf of my minor child(ren), understand that walking home unsupervised may be dangerous. Once you sign, you are saying that you understand the risks involved and accept all of the risks.

I, individually and on behalf of my minor child(ren) shall hereby defend and indemnify the Ancona School and their officers, trustees, employees, directors, volunteers, and/or others acting on their behalf from any and all claims arising from allowing my child to walk home from school.

This release will remain in effect for the existing school year and I agree that I will notify the Ancona School in writing if I choose to revoke this authorization.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

For the school year: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____