

## APPENDIX C

# CARE AFTER SCHOOL WALKER POLICY

## 2021.22 School Year

The CAS Walker Policy has been developed to give parents of CAS children in grades 4-5 the option to authorize the release of their child to walk home or to a designated activity/destination. To help assure the safety of the child, the following conditions must be met for CAS to release the child:

- The child must not be offered transportation from the Worthington Schools Department of Transportation. (This information is available at [worthington.k12.oh.us/](http://worthington.k12.oh.us/) under Transportation.)
- The child must be in grades 4-5. Younger siblings in grades K-3 are not permitted to accompany the child. Exceptions will not be made for younger students, regardless of the proximity of the school to home.

### Written permission from the parent must be on file before the child can be released.

- It is the responsibility of the parent to determine that the child has the necessary maturity level and skills, and to review safety procedures with the child before authorizing release. Parents are also responsible for obtaining all communication by CAS including information from the parent table, tax receipts, incident/injury reports, etc.
- There are no adverse safety factors, including but not limited to inclement weather conditions, as determined solely at the discretion of Site Director or the Site Director designee. In this circumstance when a child will not be released, the parent will be contacted to pick up the child. If the parent does not arrive by 6:00 PM, the CAS late pick-up fee will be assessed.
- The time of release is no later than 5:45 or sunset, whichever comes first. Sunset times are available at [timeanddate.com/sun/usa/columbus](http://timeanddate.com/sun/usa/columbus).

The child must first get permission from a CAS staff member and then sign out on the attendance sheet before leaving.

- The child must walk home or to a designated activity/destination. Children are not permitted to wait on school grounds to be picked up.

I have read and understand the CAS Walker Policy and agree to abide by it. I hereby grant permission to

Care After School to release my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to walk home:

on a daily basis at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ PM

only with written or verbal permission

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian