

Vista Views at Black Lake Safe Walk Analysis

The Vista Views at Black Lake residential subdivision is located on 49th Avenue SW and 58th Lane SE and is within the Tumwater School District service boundary.

The schools serving the project site include Black Hills High School, Tumwater Middle School, and Black Lake Elementary School.

The Tumwater School District publishes walk zone maps for all district schools. Tumwater Middle School is the only current school that will serve students from the development that has a safe walk zone map, however, the Vista Views at Black Lake project site is well outside the mapped safe walk zone boundary on the published map.

HGP staff contacted Mel Murray, Director of Facilities for the Tumwater School District to discuss safe walk routes for students attending the schools in the services boundary of the Vista Views at Black Lake project.

Mr. Murray indicated that students attending Black Hills High School and Tumwater Middle School will be bussed.

For students attending Black Lake Elementary School, Mr. Murray indicated that the Tumwater School District will be requesting that the project be conditioned to require a safe walk path on the east side of Black Lake Belmore Road from the intersection of 58th Lane and Black Lake Belmore Road to an existing sidewalk on the frontage of the Black Lake Estates project that leads to a signed crosswalk to the Black Lake Elementary School.

The safe walking route from the project site to Black Lake Elementary from the project site is as follows:

1. South and west from the project site sidewalks to the intersection of Black Lake Belmore Road and 58th Lane.
2. South on the east side of Black Lake Belmore Road on a safe walk path constructed by the applicant to an existing sidewalk along the Black Lake Estates frontage.
3. West through an existing signed pedestrian crosswalk into the school grounds.