



Safe Routes to School



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Walking/Biking School Buses

What is a walking/biking school bus?

A walking school bus, bike bus, or bike train is a group of students with one or more adult leaders who travel to or from school together along an established route, picking up additional children along the way.

Benefits of walking/biking School Buses

- Students get physical activity on the way to school and arrive at school more awake and alert.
- Students develop traffic safety habits and increased confidence in road safety.
- Provide solutions to transportation issues, such as reduced or no bus service, dangerous traffic congestion during pick-up and drop-off and student absences and tardiness due to transportation challenges.



How to start a walking/biking school bus

- 1. Reach out:** Check with your neighbors, school or parent teach association to see if other families are interested in starting a walking or biking school bus.
- 2. Plan:** Define the route, schedule, role for adult leaders and expectations. Be sure to test the route to ensure it's safe for students. If organizing a bike bus, make sure there is somewhere for students to securely store bikes, skates and scooters.
- 3. Kick-off:** Start walking, rolling and biking to school.
- 4. Check in:** Ask participants for feedback and make adjustments to the route, schedule or roles as needed. Work with your school to promote the program and recruit more participants, if desired.
- 5. Have fun:** Reward participants with prizes and event programming. Promote the success of the program and work with your school to recruit more participants, if desired.

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