



# Safe Routes to School



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Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide movement that aims to make active transportation options safe, convenient, and fun for children traveling to and from school. The City of Vancouver is working with school districts and other local partners to set up a SRTS program that enables and encourages students and their families to walk, roll, and bike to school safely.

## For more information:

- › Visit the program website at: [cityofvancouver.us/SRTS](https://cityofvancouver.us/SRTS)
- › Email the program team at: [VancouverMoves@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:VancouverMoves@cityofvancouver.us)

# Why invest in SRTS?



**Safer students:** Street improvement projects and safety education improve safety for students getting to and from school. SRTS encourages students and families to walk, roll or bike to school in groups.



**Cost savings:** Fewer school pick-ups and drop-offs can reduce transportation costs for families and for schools that offer bus service.



**Reduced traffic congestion:** More students walking, rolling or biking to and from school reduces vehicle congestion during school drop-off and pick-up.



**Cleaner air:** More students walking, rolling or biking to school can reduce vehicle trips, reduce lines of vehicles idling at schools and improve air quality.



**Healthier students:** Walking, biking and rolling to and from school gets kids moving and can improve their overall physical and mental health.



**Better academic performance:** SRTS can help students get to school on time and encourage students to get physical activity on the way to school, which has been linked to improved academic performance.



**More connected communities:** SRTS programs provide opportunities for students and families to connect as they walk, roll or bike to and from school together, strengthening community connections.