

Students

Safe Routes to School Program

The Board of Education recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school promote students' physical activity and reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As part of the District's coordinated approach to supporting student wellness and safety and enhancing student learning, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and promote safe routes to school program activities.

All students shall have equitable access and opportunity to participate in the District's safe routes to school program.

The Superintendent or designee may identify a program coordinator or establish District and/or school site committees to oversee and coordinate related activities.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with local public works and public safety departments, transportation agencies, other city and county agencies, school staff, students, parents/guardians and parent organizations, health organizations, community organizations, and/or businesses in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies.

Strategies in support of the safe routes to school program shall be based on the grade levels of the students and an assessment of the conditions and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore the availability of grant funds and other sources of funding to support related projects and activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of program activities and progress toward program goals. Such reports may include, but not be limited to, levels of participation in promotional and educational activities, survey results of parent/guardian attitudes about allowing their child to walk or bicycle to school, tallies of the numbers of students using various modes of travel to and from school and how these numbers have changed over time, records of student attendance and on-time arrival, and injury data within the school and/or District attendance boundaries.

Legal Reference:        Education Code, Sections 32283; 45450-45451  
                                 Government Code, Section 65352.2  
                                 Streets and Highways Code, Section 2333.5  
                                 Vehicle Code, Sections 21200-21212; 21212; 21949-21971  
                                 United States Code, Title 23, Section 148  
                                 United States Code, Title 42, Section 1758b

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