

SRTS Activities

Clackamas County schools are already involved in many SRTS-related activities:

Walk + Roll to School Day are one-day events that encourage students and their families to try walking, bicycling, or skating to school.

Walk + Roll to School Month are longer events that encourage students to take active modes for an entire month.

Crossing Guards are trained adults who help students cross the road and encourage motorists to drive safely in school zones.

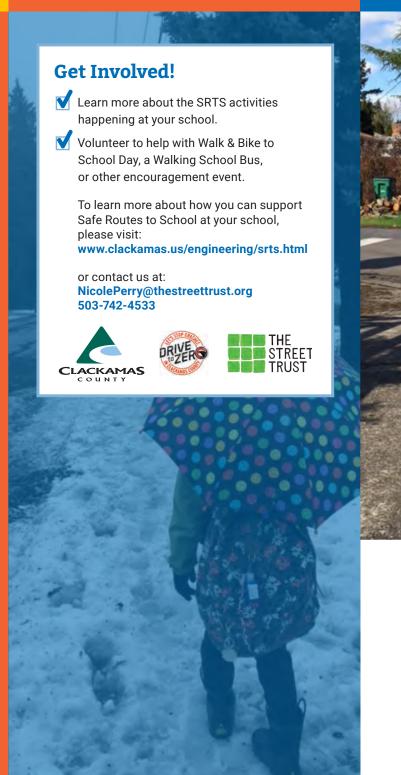
School Action Plans are documents that identify activities and events a school can participate in, as well as infrastrucutre challenges and potential solutions.

Suggested Route Maps show the preferred walking and biking routes for students to take, as well as hazard areas.

Student Hand Tallies & Parent Surveys collect information on how students travel to and from school and parents' attitudes about walking and biking.

Incentive Giveaways create awareness and excitement about walking and rolling. Bike fairies are one example, where treats are left on students' bikes.

Safety Outreach, including at Back to School Nights, Open Houses, and PTA meetings, raise awareness of SRTS programs and safety issues around school zones.







What is Safe Routes to School?

Clackamas County SRTS supports children and families walking and rolling (biking, skateboarding, and using mobility devices) to school and aims to improve traffic safety through walking and biking safety education and encouragement activities and events.

The Clackamas County SRTS program aims to increase the number of families and students walking and rolling to school, while increasing safety for all. SRTS programs increase safety for all roadway users around schools by:

- Educating students and families about how to walk and roll safely
- Increasing driver awareness of families traveling near schools
- Informing community members about transportation options to decrease the number of cars on roads near schools
- Improving community members' health and well-being by promoting active transportation options in urban and rural areas

The Six "E's" of SRTS

SRTS is makes school communities safer by combining improvements to sidewalks and walking routes with enforcement and education about safety and activities to enable and encourage students to walk and roll to school.

SRTS programs consider the "Six E's":



Equity is a consideration for all SRTS activities, ensuring that efforts are reaching all populations by including communities of color, addressing families' diverse needs, and reaching low-income communities.



Education programs inform families about transportation choices, teach walking and rolling safety skills, and promote driver safety campaigns near schools.



Engineering efforts address the physical environment around schools to create safe and accessible places for walking and rolling.



Encouragement helps make walking and rolling easy and fun by providing incentives and organizing events.



Enforcement activities involve crossing guards reminding everyone to follow traffic laws near schools.



Evaluation forms and reports monitor program outcomes and are used to improve activities in the future.



Success Stories

Oak Grove Elementary

For Walk and Bike to School Day, Clackamas SRTS handed out dozens of prize packs to students who walked or bike to school, including bike care packages for students who rode.

Linwood and Sojourner Elementary

Students participated in the Walk and Bike Month Challenge, logging walking and biking to school, as well as sports practice, dance class, playing after school, and taking a walk with a parent. Where safety is a concern for families, schools focused on general health and wellness activities.

Bilquist Elementary

Bilquist has been participating in Walk and Bike Days for several years. Each fall the school organizes community meet-up spots for students to convene with school staff and parent leaders to make their way to school on foot. Bus riders earn a prize by taking a lap around the building after getting off the bus.