

Policy 5142.2: Safe Routes To School Program

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The Governing Board recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school increase 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 and achievement, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and encourage 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 appoint a program coordinator and identify 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 are not 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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References	Description
Ed. Code 32283	Comprehensive safety plan
Ed. Code 45450-45451	Crossing guards
Gov. Code 65352.2	General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts
S&H Code 2333.5	Safe routes to schools construction program
Veh. Code 21200-21212	Operation of bicycles
Veh. Code 21212	Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates
Veh. Code 21949-21971	Pedestrian rights and duties
Federal References	Description
23 USC 148	Highway safety improvement program
42 USC 1758b	Local wellness policy
Management Resources References	Description

CSBA Publication	Safe Routes to School: Program and Policy Strategies for School Districts, Policy Brief, August 2009
CSBA Publication	Building Collaboration: Tools and Ideas for Creating Active Living, Healthy Eating Communities, August 2009
Nat'l Center for Safe Routes to School Publication	Safe Routes to School Guide
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Publication	Safe Routes to School Toolkit, 2002
Safe Routes to School Nat'l Partnership Publication	Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future: Building on Early Achievements, March 2009
Website	National Center for Safe Routes to School - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/OusR3qPuhtJDAwvyilw0Gg==
Website	Safe Routes to School National Partnership - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/npmWJplusGoJrMPOtkjAL2OQ==
Website	U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/nJzNBPO2BKLghVnYp8YA==
Website	California Center for Physical Activity - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/994ltVGFzozxMxIT02Q3fw==
Website	California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/wnpLSaVJuyubpSr9eKbXHg==
Website	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/1L2BvG6mQo69pSrehY1xYg==
Website	CSBA - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/W3QxkK2FPsDsQBnMIENxGg==

Cross References	Description
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/prlM0PtL2m6oDjilzeo6NQ==
3514	Environmental Safety - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/jvplus1EyrteI4SKmmtRiM81Q==
3514	Environmental Safety - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/WioepMplusSpUAQf8slshbxvrEWg==
5030	Student Wellness - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/bs97dFtYThkiUTKSDhJttw==
5142	Safety - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Nwaei9krsIshslsh8plusplusNCQUG9kTg==
5142	Safety - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/JoM8fwpNpzibI5KhLHBslshcw==
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/muWjVoNuejAA0IQhkg0zBw==
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/VNfINnsq3h03TUiBGlplus5ZQ==