

SRTS Activities

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

Walk + Roll to School Day involves fun activities to encourage families to try walking, bicycling, or rolling to school.

Walk + Roll to School Month is an entire month of fun activities and events that encourage families to integrate active travel in their daily lives.

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

School Action Plans identify specific concerns around a school, recommend infrastructure improvements to make it safer to walk and roll to school, and highlight activities that can help overcome barriers to walking and rolling.

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

Student Hand Tallies & Parent Surveys collect information about 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 volunteers leave treats on students' bikes.

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

Get Involved!

In 2016-17, Clackamas County SRTS began working with elementary schools and middle schools in the North Clackamas and Estacada school districts. With a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the program will expand in 2017-18 and 2018-19 to work with and create action plans for at least four more schools each year.

Learn more about the SRTS activities happening at your school.

Volunteer to help with a Walk + Roll to School Day, a Walking School Bus, or at other fun events.

Learn more about how you can support Safe Routes to School at your school at www.clackamas.us/engineering/srts.html

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What is Safe Routes to School?

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

SRTS programs increase safety for all roadway users around schools by:

- Educating students and families about how to walk and roll safely
- Promoting the best walking and biking routes to schools, within the designated walk zone
- 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 Es of SRTS

SRTS makes school communities safer and more active by combining improvements to walking routes, enforcemen, education, and activities to enable and encourage students to walk and roll to school.

SRTS programs consider the Six Es:



Equity ensures that program efforts reach everyone by including communities of color, addressing families' diverse needs, and reaching people from low-income households.



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



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

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



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

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Evaluation forms and reports are used to monitor program outcomes and 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 biked to school. On other days, the SRTS team surprised students who rode with bike care packages to continue the festivity.

Linwood Elementary and Sojourner Elementary

Students at both schools participated in the Walk and Bike Month Challenge by tracking when they walked and biked to school, attended sports practice or dance class, played outside, or walked with a parent. Schools and families worked together to address safety concerns. The two communities enjoyed the health and wellness benefits that accompany increased physical activity.

Bilquist Elementary

The SRTS program organized a Walking School Bus with meet-up spots for students to convene with school staff and parent leaders to walk to school. Bus riders participated by walking a lap around the building after getting off the bus.