

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.

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Policy Reference Disclaimers

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

Ed. Code 32282
Ed. Code 38134
Ed. Code 44808
Ed. Code 45450-45451
Ed. Code 51860
Gov. Code 65352.2

S&H Code 2380-2385
Streets and Highways Code 894
Veh. Code 21200-21213
Veh. Code 21212

Veh. Code 21949-21971
Veh. Code 312.5
Veh. Code 406
Veh. Code 407.5

Federal

23 USC 133
23 USC 148
42 USC 1758b

Management Resources

California Dept of Transportation Publication

California Dept of Transportation Publication
Court Decision

Natl Center for Safe Routes to School
Publication

Natl Highway Traffic Safety Admin
Publication

Safe Routes to School Natl Partnership
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[Use of school property](#)

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[Crossing guards](#)

[Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction](#)

[General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts](#)

[Active Transportation Program](#)

[Statewide safety and training programs; electric bicycles](#)

[Operation of bicycles](#)

[Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates](#)

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[Moped or motorized bicycle](#)

[Motorized scooter](#)

Description

Surface transportation block grant program

Highway safety improvement program

Local wellness policy

Description

ATP Purpose and Goals as Defined by the State Legislature and SB 99, March 2015

Active Transportation Program Fact Sheet, January 2020

Cerna v. City of Oakland (2008) 161 Cal.App.4th 1340

Safe Routes to School Guide

Advancing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety: A Primer for Highway Safety Professionals, April 2016

Safe Routes to School by the Numbers: Using Data to Foster Walking and Biking to School, June 2016

Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future: Building on Early Achievements, March 2009

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[National Center for Safe Routes to School](#)

[Safe Routes Partnership](#)

[U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School](#)

[California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School](#)

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