Safe Routes to School

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The Board of Education 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.

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 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.

Adult Crossing Guards

To assist in the safety of students as they walk to and from school, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within elementary and middle school attendance areas to identify locations where the assistance of an adult crossing guard may be needed.

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.

Legal References:

STATE

EDUCATION CODE
32282 Comprehensive safety plan
38134 Use of school property
44808 Liability when students are not on school property
45450-45451 Crossing guards
51860 Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE
65352.2 General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts

STREETS & HIGHWAYS CODE
2380-2385 Active Transportation Program
894 Statewide safety and training programs; electric bicycles

VEHICLE CODE
21200-21213 Operation of bicycles
21212 Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates
21949-21971 Pedestrian rights and duties
312.5 Electric bicycle
406 Moped or motorized bicycle
407.5 Motorized scooter

FEDERAL

UNITED STATE CODES

23 USC 133 Surface transportation block grant program

23 USC 148 Highway safety improvement program

42 USC 1758b Local wellness policy

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

CA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLICATIONS

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

Active Transportation Program Fact Sheet, January 2020

COURT DECISION

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

NATL CENTER FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLICATION

Safe Routes to School Guide

NATL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMIN PUBLICATION

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NATL PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

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

WEBSITES

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#

National Center for Safe Routes to School http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/

Safe Routes Partnership http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe_routes_to_school

California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration http://www.nhtsa.gov/

CSBA http://www.csba.org/

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