

## **Students**

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Governing Board recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school promote 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, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and promote safe routes to school program activities.

The Superintendent or designee may identify a program coordinator 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 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 not be 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.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)**

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

32283 Comprehensive safety plan

45450-45451 Crossing guards

**GOVERNMENT CODE**

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

**STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE**

2333.5 Safe routes to schools construction program

**VEHICLE CODE**

21200-21212 Operation of bicycles, especially:

21212 Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates

21949-21971 Pedestrian rights and duties

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 23**

148 Highway safety improvement program

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42**

1751 Note Local wellness policy

Management Resources:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Safe Routes to School: Program and Policy Strategies for School Districts, Policy Brief, August 2009

Building Collaboration: Tools and Ideas for Creating Active Living, Healthy Eating Communities, August 2009

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS**

Safe Routes to School Guide

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS**

Safe Routes to School Toolkit, 2002

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS**

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

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Center for Physical Activity: <http://www.caphysicalactivity.org>

California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>

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

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

Safe Routes to School National Partnership: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org>

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes>