Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

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.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

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.

(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)

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.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

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. 0500 - Accountability)

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
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

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
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

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