

MIDDLETOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

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.

State	Description
Ed. Code 32282	Comprehensive safety plan
Ed. Code 38134	Use of school property
Ed. Code 44808	Liability when students are not on school property
Ed. Code 45450-45451	Crossing guards

Ed. Code 51860	<u>Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction</u>
Gov. Code 65352.2	<u>General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts</u>
S&H Code 2380-2385	<u>Active Transportation Program</u>
Streets and Highways Code 894	<u>Statewide safety and training programs: electric bicycles</u>
Veh. Code 21200-21213	<u>Operation of bicycles</u>
Veh. Code 21212	<u>Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates</u>
Veh. Code 21949-21971	<u>Pedestrian rights and duties</u>
Veh. Code 312.5	<u>Electric bicycle</u>
Veh. Code 406	<u>Moped or motorized bicycle</u>
Veh. Code 407.5	<u>Motorized scooter</u>
Federal	Description
23 USC 133	Surface transportation block grant program
23 USC 148	Highway safety improvement program
42 USC 1758b	Local wellness policy
Management Resources	Description
California Dept of Transportation Publication	ATP Purpose and Goals as Defined by the State Legislature and SB 99, March 2015
California Dept of Transportation Publication	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 Publication	Safe Routes to School by the Numbers: Using Data to Foster Walking and Biking to School, June 2016
Safe Routes to School Natl Partnership Publication	Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future: Building on Early Achievements, March 2009
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>National Center for Safe Routes to School</u>
Website	<u>Safe Routes Partnership</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School</u>
Website	<u>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</u>

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Cross References

Code	Description
0415	Equity
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
0500	Accountability
1112	Media Relations
1114	District-Sponsored Social Media
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1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
1230	School-Connected Organizations
1230	School-Connected Organizations
1260	Educational Foundation
1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools
1700	Relations Between Private Industry And The Schools
3100	Budget
3100	Budget
3290	Gifts, Grants And Bequests
3470	Debt Issuance And Management
3471	Parcel Taxes
3510	Green School Operations
3514	Environmental Safety
3514	Environmental Safety
3540	Transportation
3541	Transportation Routes And Services
5030	Student Wellness
5142	Safety
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6020	Parent Involvement

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6142.7	<u>Physical Education And Activity</u>
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6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
7110	<u>Facilities Master Plan</u>
7111	<u>Evaluating Existing Buildings</u>
7150	<u>Site Selection And Development</u>
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