

Safe Routes to School in East Multnomah County

Where it's safe, get children walking and bicycling to school.
Where it's not safe, make changes. We can help.

What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a partnership between local governments, schools, neighborhoods and community organizations that advocates for and implements programs to make walking and biking around our neighborhoods and schools fun, easy, safe and healthy.

Safe Routes to School focuses on "The 5 Es"

Engineering

- Propose and make changes to the built environment to create safer, accessible conditions for walking and bicycling.

Education

- Imparts safety skills, creates safety awareness, and fosters life-long safety habits and active living.

Encouragement

- Includes events, contests and rewards that increase the popularity of walking and bicycling, and emphasizes fun!

Enforcement

- Increase awareness of laws protecting children walking and bicycling to school, and to improve driver behavior.

Evaluation

- Know where your SRTS program is starting from and tracking progress over time.

Early Successes in East Multnomah County



Walking School Bus event at Troutdale Elementary School



Gresham police assisting with enforcement event at Hall Elementary School



New bike parking cage along with new sidewalks and bike lanes at H.B. Lee Middle School

What Can We Offer?

- Agency staff can assist with developing Action Plans to shape your school's safety priorities
- Identify and advocate for infrastructure improvements near schools to increase safety
- Grant writing assistance to implement safety priorities
- Access to materials and incentives for participation in region-wide walking and bicycling events

Contact local government agency staff for questions or to get started:

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