

# Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Participation Request Form

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School program educates parents and students on the value of walking and bicycling for travel to and from school. The program collaborates with schools, superintendents, public officials, principals, teachers, parent-teacher organizations, and neighbors to encourage safe, healthy trip options.

## Encourage

- Walking
- Bicycling

## Educate

- Physical activity
- Safety
- Environmental health

## Engineering

- Assess, plan, design, and construct infrastructure improvements

## Benefits

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School program aims to reduce congestion, air pollution, and traffic conflicts near participating schools, while increasing the health and mobility of school-aged children. Students will be safer and healthier traveling to and from school. In addition, school-based Safe Routes programs:

- Establish healthy lifetime habits for students
- Increase children's independence
- Help students arrive at school ready to learn
- Teach safe pedestrian, bicyclist and driver skills.

## Resources

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School program offers schools customized program design and implementation, materials and programs, and safety enhancements. In the project's current phase, 30+ elementary and middle schools statewide will qualify for free services. Participating schools receive free student give-away items to initiate and promote the Safe Routes to School program, plus no-cost educational materials targeted to students, parents and community leaders. Schools partnering with MassRIDES on education and encouragement activities become eligible for infrastructure projects specifically targeted to enhancing safe access to schools.

## Participation Request Process

The Participation Request gathers important information and enables schools to indicate their interest in developing initiatives in collaboration with the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program. Criteria for selection of participants include:

- School information such as location, grade, and number of students
- Transportation options and current student travel choices
- Physical environment (e.g. sidewalks, traffic lights, and crosswalks)
- School interest and commitment
- Demonstrated need
- Socioeconomic and geographical diversity

*Applicants may be contacted for additional information.*

## Getting Started

*Interested?* Please send the completed Participation Request form to:  
Safe Routes to School, c/o MassRIDES, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2180, Boston, MA 02116 or fax to 1.617.892.6090

*Questions?* Call MassRIDES at 1.888.4COMMUTE.



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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ School Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

**How many students attend this school? List total students per grade.**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Sum
Number of Students										

**What percent of students live within one mile? Fill in percentage below.**

Percent of students living within one mile:	
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**How do students currently travel to school? Fill in percentages below.**

Walk		Bus		Public Transit	
Bicycle		Drop-Off/Pick-Up		Other	

**Please CIRCLE the conditions around your school:**

Are there sidewalks or paths/major approaches to the school?	Yes	No
Are there heavily traveled roads around the school?	Yes	No
Are there traffic signals or crosswalks around the school?	Yes	No

**Please CHECK the participation level in which your school is interested:**

Level 1                     
  Level 1 and 2                     
  Level 1, 2, and 3

<b>Level 1</b>	- Conduct Safe Routes to School Student Surveys - Sponsor a Safe Routes to School kick-off event - Communicate with school community on SRTS information and activities
<b>Level 2</b>	- Conduct a parent survey - Support two Safe Routes events - Implement Safe Routes activities
<b>Level 3</b>	- Support five or more Safe Routes events or a year long SRTS program - Partner with the community members for broader involvement - Form a task force to develop a Safe Routes program

**Please CHECK the number of walking and bicycling event(s) your school will support:**

1   
  5-7  
 2-4   
  7+

**Please CHECK the length of time your school will participate in the program:**

Less than one year                     
  Two years  
 One year                                     
  Develop in the school plan

**Please CHECK the stakeholders that will participate in the SRTS program:**

Principal                     
  School staff                     
  Local health department  
 Parents                     
  Safety/Police officer                     
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted By**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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