



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

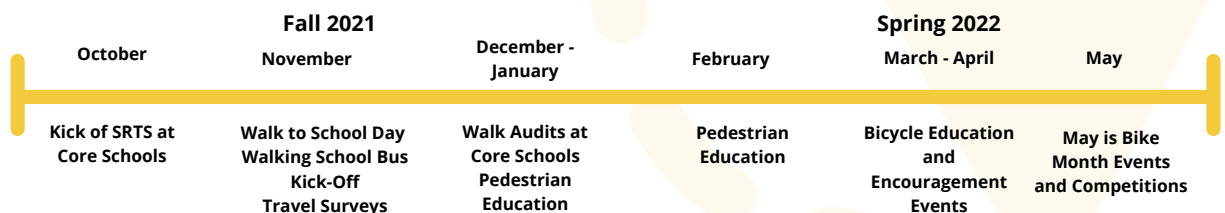
Safe Routes to School has been a part of the San Juan Unified School District for more than a decade, during which more than half of the District's schools have benefited from education, encouragement, and evaluation all surrounding active modes of transportation. Because of the popularity and success of prior Safe Routes to School programming at District schools, additional need was identified and the District received grant funds from the State to implement programs at 14 additional schools from 2021 through 2024.

School sites benefitting from the current Safe Routes to School program are: Charles Peck Elementary (core school), Cottage Elementary (core school), Coyle Avenue Elementary (core school), San Juan High School (core school), El Sereno Alternative Education, James R. Cowan Fundamental Elementary, La Entrada Continuation High School, Meraki High School, Mesa Verde High School, Mira Loma High School, Mission Avenue Open Elementary, Rio Americano High School, Sierra Oaks Elementary, and Winston Churchill Middle School.

## Program Elements

- **Encouragement** - activities and events to promote walking, biking, and rolling to and from school and other community destinations, walk/bike maps, pick-up and drop off procedures, school-wide competitions to track and reward active travel mileage with exciting incentives
- **Education** - age appropriate pedestrian and bike safety education for students and families
- **Equity** - focus on ensuring safe, healthy, and fair outcomes for all students, with targeted community engagement efforts toward refugee students and their families
- **Evaluation** - student travel surveys, parent surveys, walk/bike audits to better understand walking and biking safety perceptions and travel mode decisions, identification and prioritization of potential physical improvements to the built environment in order to better accommodate students traveling to and from school and other community destinations

Fill out the survey or scan the QR code below to stay up to date on Safe Routes at your child's school: <https://bit.ly/SJUSDSafeRoutesInterestForm>



Safe Routes to School is an international program that works to address student transportation challenges with two key goals: Improve the safety and accessibility of walking, biking, rolling to school and encourage more families to walk, bike, or roll to school through education and encouragement programs.

## BENEFITS OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- Healthy Habits**  
Safe Routes to School supports regular physical activity children need to form lifelong healthy habits.
- Less traffic congestion**  
Reducing the number of vehicles driving to school reduces traffic congestion in the entire community, supports a comfortable biking and walking culture.
- Builds community**  
Students, parents, and neighbors get to know each other better and provide more surveillance on the street.
- Better school performance**  
Research suggests that students who are physically active before school perform better academically.
- Students learn the rules of the road**  
Students learn life-long habits about road safety and responsibility.
- It's fun!**  
Research shows children prefer getting to school by biking and walking.