



PARTICIPATING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bryant – Mission*

Buena Vista – Potrero Hill/Mission

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E.R. Taylor – Portola

Fairmount – Noe Valley/Bernal Heights

Garfield – North Beach

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George Washington Carver – Bayview*

Grattan – Cole Valley

Leonard Flynn – Bernal Heights/Mission

Longfellow – Excelsior*

Marshall – Mission

Sunnyside – Sunnyside*

Sunset – Outer Sunset*

Ulloa – Outer Sunset

* Indicates schools that participated in 2009–2010

Did you know ...

... today, less than 15% of children walk or bike to school, down from nearly 50% in 1969?

... 52% of all SFUSD elementary school students live within one mile of their school?

There's an amazing opportunity to increase the number of children who get to school by foot or bike!

Safe Routes to School in San Francisco: Targeted Education and Outreach Programs

San Francisco's Safe Routes to School program promotes safe and active walking and bicycling to and from school. It provides an opportunity to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities, as well as to increase the number of children who chose to walk and bike. On a broader level, Safe Routes to School programs can enhance children's health and well-being, ease traffic congestion near schools, improve air quality, and improve community members' overall quality of life.

San Francisco's Safe Routes to School program is led by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) and is supported by a number of agencies and organizations, including the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC), the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), and the Presidio YMCA.

San Francisco's Safe Routes to School program is comprised of the five "E's":

- **EDUCATION:** SFBC and YMCA staff educate second grade classes on pedestrian safety and fourth grade classes on bicycle safety. The SFMTA develops walking and bicycling maps for participating schools.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT:** Shape Up SF organizes an annual "Walking Challenge", the DPH coordinates Walk to School Day activities, and SFBC organizes Bike to School Day events.
- **ENFORCEMENT:** The SFPD enforces traffic laws and places portable radar speed signs near schools.
- **ENGINEERING:** The SFMTA identifies walking and bicycling barriers and develops possible street design solutions near schools.
- **EVALUATION:** The DPH analyzes how schoolchildren get to and from school, as well as parents' knowledge and attitudes towards walking and bicycling to make sure the program is effective.

San Francisco's Safe Routes to School program was initiated at five elementary schools in the 2009-2010 school year and expanded to 15 schools starting in the 2010-2011 school year. Criteria were developed to select the 15 participating SFUSD schools, including majority of students living within one mile of the school and involvement in previous activities such as Walk to School Day, Bike to School Day, Green Teams, etc. Furthermore, schools were segregated by San Francisco Supervisorial district (the top one to two elementary schools in each supervisorial district were invited to participate in the program in order to ensure geographical equity).

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Safe Routes to School in San Francisco: City-wide Programs

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) School Area Safety Program strives to make streets near San Francisco's public and private schools safer for walking, bicycling and public transportation. The SFMTA works collaboratively with schools to develop creative solutions for school-related traffic concerns.

The School Area Safety Program leverages federal and state Safe Routes to School grant funds to make safety-focused infrastructure improvements near schools, such as curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, and traffic signals. In addition, the School Area Safety Program coordinates with other City departments and the San Francisco Unified School District to provide:

- Adult crossing guards
- Traffic enforcement
- High-visibility school crosswalks
- School warning signage
- School bus and passenger loading zones

The School Area Safety Program also educates students, parents and guardians, and school faculty and staff on pedestrian and traffic safety. SFMTA staff meets with school principals, parent-teacher associations and school site councils. SFMTA's educational materials include informational brochures, Walk to School Day toolkits, and classroom activities.

SFMTA works in collaboration with the San Francisco Safe Routes to School program to organize city-wide Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day. Held every October and April, respectively, these events promote health, safety, physical activity, and concern for the environment by encouraging travel to and from school by foot, bicycle, and on public transportation.

For more information about the SFMTA's School Area Safety Program, please see:
www.sfmta.com/schoolsafety

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Did you know ...

... as much as 21% of morning traffic is generated by parents driving their children to school?

... the top 5 concerns parents have about walking and biking to school are safety of intersections, distance from school, speed of traffic, amount of traffic, and violence or crime?

The School Area Safety Program focuses on reducing barriers to walking and bicycling to school!

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