Introduction

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Live Well Greater Toledo
A diverse collaboration of community leaders and organizations working together to promote policy, systems and environmental change to support improved nutrition and physical activity for a healthier community and is strongly supported by the YMCA of Greater Toledo.

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Vision Statement

Toledo Safe Routes to School (SRTS) strives to create a community that supports and enhances safe walking and biking to school by focusing on engineering, enforcement, evaluation, education, encouragement and equity.

GOALS:

Safety: Creating designated neighborhood routes that avoid unsafe intersections and high crime spots where possible, by strengthening supervision and improving the infrastructure of the neighborhoods making them more walkable for everyone.

Health and Wellness: Improving the health of our community and children by encouraging walking and biking to school.

Environment: Improving air quality and our environment by reducing the use of cars and buses for travel to and from school.
Accomplishments

- Partnered with Toledo Public Schools to address lack of safe routes and increase the health and well-being of students and families.
- Completion of a district wide STP-2nd large district in Ohio.
- Nearly 1.2 million dollars has been awarded in support of Toledo SRTS.
- Collaboration with the City of Toledo Transportation and Department of Neighborhoods plus numerous other organizations.
- 1500 students received bicycle repairs, helmets and school lock loan.
- 100% district wide participation in National WTSD 2017.
Active Transportation

Why Kids Are Not Walking

- Crime
- Personal Safety
- Traffic (speed and amount)
- Distance
- Weather
Our Programs

• Bicycle Fix-It and Safety Program
• Operation Lifesaver
• National Walk and Bike to School Day
• Walking School Bus
• Bike and Ped Safety Education
• Free training for school volunteers
• Snow Angels
Walking and Biking Maps

Safe Routes to School
Arlington Elementary School

What is Safe Routes to School?
The Ohio Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) helps communities develop and implement projects and programs that encourage and enable children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk or bike to school safely. Successful SRTS programs have an integrated approach addressing the program’s 5 Es—Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation. Learn more at www.dot.state.oh.us/safe_routes.

Keep it Safe out the Door—by bike or on foot!
Here are some safety tips for students and parents walking and bicycling to school.

Hey Kids, Go by Bike!
• Wear a helmet. Wear it with the bill facing the back of your head and the brim up.
• Get a bike. Make sure it is in good working order. Check the tires, brakes, and lights.
• Wear bright colors. Make sure your clothes are bright and easy to spot.
• Be aware of your surroundings. Be cautious around cars, trucks, buses, and other vehicles.

Hey Kids, Go by Foot!
• Walk alone. Do not walk with a group of children unless you are with adults who can guide you to a safe crossing.
• Be safe. Stick to the route you follow each day. Don’t go by shortcuts. If you are lost or unsure of your route, ask a parent or adult for help.
• Be seen. Wear brightly colored clothes and carry a flashlight. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
• Cross at the stop sign, the crosswalk, the curb, or the marked corner. Don’t run.

Parent Tips for Safe Walking & Bicycling to School
• Walk with your child in and around your school. Kids under the age of 10 generally do not know how traffic works and may have trouble managing traffic situations on their own.
• Park a safe route to school with your child and access the route together.
• Do a bike and pedestrian check for your child. You can use tools like a helmet, bike lights, and foot reflectors. This will make sure your child is visible to drivers and safe to travel.
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• Keep your child safe at school by making sure they are aware of their surroundings, know the rules, and understand the importance of safety.

Arlington Elementary Walking and Biking Routes

This map is a guide to choose a safe route to bicycle or walk to school. Keep in mind, it is very likely not the same way you would go in a car.

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Where Student Live

- # of students within 1 mile
- # of students within 2 miles

26% of K - 8 Students are active transporters!

When SRTS encouragement programs are implemented, 40% of students use active transportation.
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What is It?

• A web-based bar code system that tracks students “Active” (walk or bike) trips to school.

How Does It Work?

• Bar code key tags are attached to each registered students book bag and scanned upon arrival to school using any ios device (ipad or iphone)
• With each scan data is tracked and...
• Parents receive a text or email alert that their Child has safely arrived to school
What Kind of Data Does It Track?

- Mileage walked/biked
- Calories burned
- CO2 saved from the environment
- Gas money saved
- Incentives earned
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Benefits

• Text alerts
• School website
  • program description
  • school data
  • on-line registration
• “Say Goodbye”, to tally marks and popsicle sticks
• Quick start option
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More Benefits

- Incentive tracking
- Bike Rack Counts
- Real time data = future funding
- Creates change
- More active transporters
- It can also be used to track data of student participation in a walk/run club
- Flexibility
Challenges

- Volunteers
- Collecting Registrations
- Lost tags, chains and tokens
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