Students BP 5142.2

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school increase students' physical activity while reducing vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As part of the District's coordinated approach to supporting student wellness and safety and enhancing student learning and achievement, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and encourage Safe Routes to School Program activities.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a Safe Routes to School Program coordinator and identify or establish District or school site committees to oversee and coordinate related activities.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with local public departments, transportation agencies, other city and county agencies, school staff, students, parents/guardians and parent organizations, health organizations, community organizations, and businesses in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to support the Safe Routes to School Program.

Strategies in support of the Safe Routes to School Program shall be based on the grade levels of the students and an assessment of the conditions and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore the availability of grant funds and other sources of funding to support related projects and activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of program activities and progress toward program goals.

Electric or motorized bicycles (e-bikes) are a growing presence on District campuses. Although they provide effective transportation for some families, improper e-bike use can be hazardous to riders and others. Each school site shall establish regulations for safe e-bike operation, as defined in Administrative Regulation 5142.2, Safe Routes to School, which addresses e-bike storage, security, permits, education, placards, safety, and enforcement. School sites shall also work with local law enforcement to identify appropriate e-bike routes and shall share recommended route information with students who ride their authorized e-bikes to school.

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