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Safe Routes to School Local Policy Guide





Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Advancing Safe Routes to School at the County Level







What is a Policy?

A policy is:

- a statement in writing
- binding
- setting out a general
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Realms of SRTS Policy Change

Where to start? 🦱

School/School District
Municipality/County/Region
State



Policy Initiatives: Schools/Districts

Supporting/Promoting Active Transportation Task Force/School Teams Wellness Policies Traffic Safety Education Drop off/Pick up Crossing Guard policies School Siting Joint Use



Policy Initiatives: City/County

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Bike/Ped Master Plan and General Plans Non-motorized transportation goals in plans Complete Streets Lower speed limits around schools Crossing Guards Double fine zones to raise safety funding Dedicated revenue sources for SRTS Bicycle and pedestrian data collection



Policy Initiatives: State

State Policies: 7 States have Networks

- Ensure quality implementation of SRTS in the state and equity in the distribution of funding
 - Support community centered schools through school siting and joint use policies
- Complete Streets
- Use Federal Safety Funding for walk/bike
- Direct funds from speeding in school zones to safety and SRTS initiatives – Fine based mechanisms















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