Walk/Bike to School Event Planner

Walk to School Days: 5 Steps to Success

Walking to school is a great way to promote a healthy, active lifestyle among students. Students learn responsibility, good decision making and community awareness. And remember, more kids walking or biking to school, means fewer cars, less pollution and safer, cleaner neighborhoods!

Follow these simple steps to make your walk/bike to school event a success:

**Step 1**
PICK YOUR DATE International Walk to School Day is October 9, but your event can be when it best fits your school’s schedule. Be sure to seek your principal’s permission and input. Also, notify your local leaders and police department for support and suggestions. Hint: If distance is an issue, suggest to parents they can meet at a remote meetup location, at least five blocks from school.

**Step 2**
PREPARE YOUR EVENT Start with inviting students and parents to participate. Fliers, posters, banners, school newsletters, and intercom announcements are all good places to begin. Remember to take advantage of social media too. Encourage the students to create banners, fliers and signs to place around school or carry with them. Hint: Be your biggest fan. Students, volunteers and other parents will feed off your energy and enthusiasm.

**Step 3**
RECRUVTOLUNTEERS Volunteers can help encourage students, distribute flyers and greet students on the big day. If you’re handing out incentives, be sure someone is assigned to that task so you’ll be free to organize and walk or bike with the students. Hint: Getting volunteers involved also helps build sustainability.

**Step 4**
ALMOST THERE A few days before, check in with your volunteers to make sure everything is ready. The day before, make an intercom announcement to remind students to walk to school and one last e-mail to parents. Hint: Don’t panic. whether you get 5 students or 500, you’re on the right track.

**Step 5**
START WALKING! If you’re meeting at a common location, be sure to discuss safe rules of the road and why you’re promoting this activity. At school, gather everyone at a common meeting place or in front of the school to congratulate them for participating. Hint: Take photos of the students and parents (clear this with your principal first).

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Be sure to register your event at www.walkbiketoschool.org/