



# Safety in Numbers with a Walking School Bus

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adult. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to a structured route with meeting points, a timetable, and a regularly rotating schedule of trained volunteers. When beginning a walking school bus, remember that the program can always grow. It is like a carpool—without the car—with the added benefits of exercise and visits with friends and neighbors.

There are four easy steps to a walking school bus:

1. Invite families who live nearby to walk.
2. Pick a route and take a test walk.
3. Decide how often the group will walk together.
4. Have fun!

A walking school bus has many benefits:

- » Increases supervision, safety and fun for students who already walk.
- » Permits additional students to walk.
- » Reduces auto traffic, particularly near schools during drop-off and pick-up times.
- » Creates a sense of community by getting neighbors to take turns as “bus drivers” and students get to interact with others in their neighborhood.

Do you prefer to bike? A bike train is the same idea but on bikes!

***If you want additional help starting a walking school bus please contact our Safe Routes to School Coordinator at [saferroutestoschool@tigard-or.gov](mailto:saferroutestoschool@tigard-or.gov)***

## Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Tigard

The healthiest way for kids to get to school is to walk or bike safely. SRTS advances the City of Tigard’s vision to become ***“the most walkable community in the Pacific NW where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives.”***



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