



Education

Education for ASRTS programs includes teaching essential traffic safety skills - pedestrian and bicycle safety education - as well as a focus on learning about the health, fitness and environmental considerations that relate to transportation choices.

For education involving students, consider how children learn best. Many children learn by doing, so it is useful to supplement classroom lessons with on the ground experience in pedestrian or cycling skills. Access curriculum resources for pedestrian and cycling safety education, and provide teachers with an explanation on how this learning is essential to your walk and bike to school focus.

In addition to classroom and on the ground lessons, a school assembly offers an opportunity to reach all school students. A special assembly can make these lessons prominent, and inspire excitement about bicycling and walking.

At assemblies educational messages can be presented through skits, songs, chants, photographic or artistic presentations, videos, guest speakers. If there are classes working on related topics, such as health or air quality, they might share what they have learned with other children in the audience.

Extending these lessons to the home might include devising a quiz, or a treasure hunt along a best route to school. It is useful to integrate 'encouragement' activities as part of your educational approach.

ASRTS programs provide parents with day to day opportunities to take part in actively educating their children in safe pedestrian and, in some circumstances, cycling skills.

Note: If you are sending materials home, consider translation of resources for families to include parents whose first language may not be English.





Education for parents may also include or involve reviewing driving guidelines for your school site, and emphasizing safe driving. There are a number of ways to communicate with parents, so consider using school Web sites, direct e-mail to parents, or including information sent home with students.

Around the school, parent drivers often contribute to safety problems by speeding through school zones and failing to obey traffic signals. Driver safety awareness is an essential part of your

When your school has developed a Best Route Map, this can also be part of the traffic safety education that is presented to students and parents in the school community. Sending each family a Best routes map, along with some key pedestrian safety guidelines is one way to link

