



**SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOL START-UP CHECKLIST**  
*1-page QUICK START VERSION*  
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**Parents, teachers, students, and community leaders: here are four questions to help you get started helping more children walk and bike safely to your school.**

1. Are there any existing resources, committees, or previous efforts you can tap into or build upon at your school? (school safety patrol, events, maps of school walk routes, PTA, etc.)  Yes  No

*Describe:*

2. Is there any aspect of the walking/bicycling environment within a mile of the school that needs improvements?  Yes  No

*Describe:*

3. Do you observe any behavior by drivers, parents, or children at or near the school that is unsafe or discourages walking/biking?  Yes  No

*Describe:*

4. Can you think of anyone that you would like to have as a partner in your effort? (school, school district, community, city/county)  Yes  No

*List names and organizations here:*

*Gather your resources and your identified improvements and start working with your partners. If you encounter obstacles, refer to our Detailed Checklist for ideas or resources. Detailed version available at: [www.americawalks.org](http://www.americawalks.org)*

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*13-page DETAILED VERSION*  
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This checklist is for parents, school staff, community members, or others who care about increasing the safety and popularity of walking and bicycling to school. It is developed in the context of U.S. public elementary schools, though it is useful for secondary schools or private schools.

We guide you through four steps toward building a school environment that helps children and families walk and bike safely to school.

1. Part ONE helps you assess the foundations for *Safe Routes to School* by gathering background information on **planning, policies, and programs** that are in place. This will require telephone calls or visits to the school's administration and transportation offices.
2. Part TWO helps you observe and record **physical conditions** on streets and sidewalks surrounding the school. This checklist should be completed during the day but can be done on the weekend or when school is not in session.
3. Part THREE helps you observe the actual **behavior of adults, children, and drivers**. This portion of the checklist should be conducted on a typical school day during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.
4. Part FOUR starts up **your partnership to develop an action plan** based upon your findings.

To get the best results from the checklist, you may wish to involve allies from the start. You need not do the steps sequentially. You may begin with any of the four sections.

NOTE: Bold-italicized words or phrases are defined in a glossary on page 2.

School Name:	_____
School District:	_____
Address:	_____
City, State, ZIP:	_____
Phone Number:	_____
Web Site URL:	_____
School Principal:	_____
School Contact & Position:	_____
School Transportation Mgr:	_____

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**GLOSSARY:**

***All-city draw*** – A school that has enrollment unrestricted by geographic area. Often these schools have a particular educational mission, such as serving special needs students or offering a special educational philosophy. Sometimes, all-city draw programs are housed within a neighborhood school.

***Arterial*** – An arterial street is a street that accommodates larger volumes of through traffic, not just destination-focused traffic.

***Automatic Photo Radar Speed Enforcement*** – This is a new system authorized for use in some states and extensively used in Europe. Post-mounted speed detection is combined with photo documentation of speeders and a reporting system to enable automatic 24-hour a day speed enforcement.

***Curb Extension or Curb Bulbs*** – Also referred to as “bulbouts”, these are usually located at crosswalks or intersection corners to make them more pedestrian-friendly by shortening the crossing distance and visually narrowing the street so that drivers are more likely to obey speed limits and yield to pedestrians.

***District-wide*** – Refers to program or committee that serves the entire school district.

***e.g.***, – This is an abbreviation for “for example”.

***Pedestrian Signal Heads*** – These are the lighted displays at traffic signals that indicate “WALK/DON’T WALK” or display a pedestrian symbol and a hand. These are referred to as “ped heads” by traffic professionals. Newer style ped heads may also include a count-down display of the number of seconds remaining before the traffic light changes.

***Pedestrian Push Buttons*** – Traffic signals can be programmed to include a pedestrian phase with sufficient crossing time for every cycle. In some cities or in locations where there are few pedestrians, engineers require pedestrians to push a button to get a WALK light. These are inconvenient for pedestrians. People can often be observed pushing these buttons more than once or even repeatedly, but it makes no difference to the operation of the traffic signal whether you push it one time or 100 times.

***Safe Routes to School*** – Also known as “Active and Safe Routes to School” and other similar variants, this term refers to efforts to improve conditions and implement programs to increase the number of children walking and bicycling safely to school. In 2005, the U.S. Congress passed new legislation that supports creation of Safe Routes to School programs in every state in the nation.

***School-based*** – Programs or committees that involve school staff, parents, and related community members and report to staff (e.g., the principal) or school parent-teacher student association (PTA/PTSA).

***School Safety Patrol*** – A group of children who participate in school safety activities such as enforcing rules in the school drop off and pick up process and at crosswalks adjacent to the school.

***School Walk Route Map*** – A “School Walk Route Map” is a map of the area surrounding the school that identifies areas and routes from which it has been deemed appropriate for children to walk to school. These maps depict barriers, such as high capacity streets without traffic signals, that represent boundaries across which elementary school children would not be expected to cross. In some states school walk route maps are mandated by law.

**School Zone** – Some states have authorized legislations that specify special speed limit zones. Within those zones, speeds may be reduced (e.g., to 15 mph, 20 mph or 25 mph) and the fines may be doubled and special conditions applied (such as prohibiting the reduction of the fine). Zones can be authorized for adjacent streets or may be put in place in relation to designated school crosswalks, even when those crosswalks are away from the school. Some cities put policies in place to establish where school zones are permitted.

**Raised Crosswalk** – A raised crosswalk is the combination of a crosswalk and a speed hump, where cars must come up to the level of the crosswalk, thus slowing vehicles and accentuating the driver's memory and expectation that they must drive slowly and attentively as they approach the crossing.

**Speed humps** – These are rounded speed bumps that can be used on streets with speeds of up to 30 mph. They are designed to accommodate higher speeds than traditional speed bumps, which are usually found only in parking lots or private property.

**Targeted Traffic Enforcement** – This is a dedicated campaign by the police department focusing on enforcing particular laws, such as school zone speed limits, rather than general enforcement of laws by officers.

**Walk Boundary** – A “Walk Boundary” is an imaginary line that encircles a school “walk zone.” All students who live beyond the walk boundary are provided transportation. Within that line, students are expected to walk to school. Nevertheless, we find that many students whose families live within the walk boundary are driven to school by their parents.

**Walking School Bus** – A organized effort in which adults walk with a group of children to school. Parents serve as “drivers” of the walking bus of children.

## PART ONE – FOUNDATIONS CHECKLIST PLANNING, POLICIES, & PROGRAMS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

In preparation for this section of the checklist, you will need to gather materials and information through telephone calls. Some items may need to be mailed or emailed to you or may be available at the school office.

Item	Question	Response
<b>Section 1 – Background</b>		
A	How many children attend the school?	_____
B	What are the grade levels at this school? (circle all)	K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
C	Does the school also include a Head Start or Preschool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
D	Administration of the school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
E	What best describes the geographic area that the school attendance draws from?	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood <input type="checkbox"/> All-city draw <input type="checkbox"/> Combined Neighborhood & All-city <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
F	How many school bus routes serve this school?	____ Yellow Buses ____ Special ed. or smaller vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Some children are provided public transit passes
<b>Section 2 – School Walk Route Map</b>		
First ask the school office for the <i>School Walk Route Map</i> . If unavailable there, contact the district transportation office to obtain a map from them.		
A	Is there a <i>school walk route</i> map?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, skip section)
B	Where did you obtain a copy of the school walk route map? <i>Attach a copy of the map to this checklist.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From school <input type="checkbox"/> From district transportation office <input type="checkbox"/> Not able to obtain a copy
C	How is the school walk route map distributed to students or their caretakers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Not distributed <input type="checkbox"/> In new student packet <input type="checkbox"/> To all families at start of year <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<i>Ask the district transportation office for the following information. In most districts, this will not be readily available and will require some investigation or computation on behalf of district staff.</i>		
D	What number of the students live:	____ Within the <i>walk boundary</i> ____ Within 1 mile of the school ____ Within 1.5 miles of the school
E	Does the map designate walking routes to the school from the surrounding area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, skip to G)
F	If so, count lines leading to school at a one-block radius away from the school.	____ walk routes at 1-block radius

Item	Question	Response
G	How far is the farthest distance routes extend away from the school grounds?	_____ (circle: miles feet meters)
H	What is the shortest distance to the walk boundary?	_____ (circle: miles feet meters)
I	If the <i>walk boundary</i> is less than one mile in any direction, what defines the boundary? (e.g., natural barrier such as river or lake; built barrier such as divided highway or train tracks; hazard such as busy street)	North _____ East _____ South _____ West _____

### Section 3 – Programs

A	Is there a walk to school program at this school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No How is it staffed? _____
B	Is pedestrian safety education incorporated into the school curriculum (by teachers) or provided by a third party (e.g., police, public health, non-profit)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party <input type="checkbox"/> No
C	Is bicycle safety education incorporated into the school curriculum? (e.g., in PE class, after school programs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
D	Does the police department conduct a program of <i>targeted traffic enforcement</i> around the school? (related to speeding, motorists violating the crosswalk law, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
E	Does the school have an program that encourages families or children to walk to school (e.g., Walking School Bus, parents stationed along the walk routes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F	Is there a <i>school safety patrol</i> program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
G	Are paid school <i>crossing guards</i> assigned to any crossings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
H	Are unpaid/volunteer school crossing guards organized for any crossings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Section 4 – Policy & Planning

A	Is there a plan for drop off and pick up that separates cars and buses from arriving foot traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
B	Does the school discourage parents from driving their children to school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C	Does the school have any policies to minimize driving to school among parents and/or staff? (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> A “No idling” campaign <input type="checkbox"/> Limits parking <input type="checkbox"/> Air quality promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Assists with arranging carpools <input type="checkbox"/> Does not provide free parking <input type="checkbox"/> Requires parents to park a block away from school Other (please describe) _____ _____

Item	Question	Response
D	How does the school encourage walking/bicycling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrates walking with International Walk to School Day events (how many years has this been taking place? _____years) <input type="checkbox"/> Teaches a bicycle curriculum in physical education classes <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes regular walk days (e.g., Walking Wednesdays, Two Feet Tuesdays) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Walking School Bus routes or Bike Train Routes <input type="checkbox"/> Incentives program <input type="checkbox"/> Posters & Bulletin Boards Other promotions and programs (Please describe) _____ _____
E	Is there a <b><i>School-based</i></b> committee that addresses issues of safety for children walking to school? If so, who serves on this committee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-principal <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Staff: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Students <input type="checkbox"/> Family volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
F	Is there a <b><i>District-wide</i></b> committee that addresses issues of safety for children walking to school? If so, who serves on this committee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> School Transportation Manager <input type="checkbox"/> District Risk Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works/DOT <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Health Department <input type="checkbox"/> Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
G	Are there School District or Administration policies that promote walking and/or bicycling to school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
H	What elected officials are involved in Safe Routes to Schools committees or promotional activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> City/County Council Members <input type="checkbox"/> School Board <input type="checkbox"/> State Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
I	Obtain a copy of the pertinent policy statements for each of the following school district, public works or transportation department, and police department policies relevant to safe routes to school:	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossing Guard locations <input type="checkbox"/> School Zone designation <input type="checkbox"/> Walk/Bike to School <input type="checkbox"/> Child Walk/Bike Safety Education <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

## PART TWO – PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS:

For Part TWO, you will need to get out and examine the physical conditions in the area around the school. Most of these observations should be done as a group on foot and/or on a bicycle to make sure that you have the proper perspective. Read Part Two through prior to leaving for the observation. Print or obtain an aerial photo and map from an Internet service such as Google, Mapquest or Yahoo, as well as using a ***School Walk Route Map*** if available.

Answer the below questions to the extent you are capable based on time and number of people available. You may wish to begin by assessing one particular route or by assessing the area within one block of the school. Record the location of specific problems on a map with notes on a separate sheet. Use this form to indicate problems.

Item	Question	Response
<b>Section 1 – Street Design &amp; Signage</b>		
A	<b>Presence of High Speed Streets</b> Within three blocks of the school, are there any of the following: ( <i>check all that apply</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 lane and wider streets (Including left turn lane) <input type="checkbox"/> Speed limits of 30 mph or higher (excluding limited access roads) <input type="checkbox"/> Speed limits of 40 mph or higher (excluding limited access roads)
<b>Speed Limit on Adjacent Streets</b>		
B	What is the speed limit for the highest-speed street directly adjacent to the school?	_____ mph <input type="checkbox"/> check box if this is posted with a speed limit sign
C	Is there a posted <b><i>school zone</i></b> speed limit on any streets near the school? If yes, what is it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <span style="margin-left: 150px;">speed limit: _____ mph</span>
D	If a school zone is posted, when is the school zone speed limit in effect? ( <i>check only those conditions posted on the sign</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> when children present <input type="checkbox"/> specific hours <input type="checkbox"/> when school in session <input type="checkbox"/> when lights are flashing <input type="checkbox"/> other _____
E	If posted, where is the school zone? ( <i>check all that apply</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> at marked school crosswalk(s) <input type="checkbox"/> on block(s) adjacent to school <input type="checkbox"/> other _____
<b>Crossings</b>		
F	Are there marked crosswalks for every designated arterial street crossing on the routes that children walk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
G	Are the marked crosswalks signalized with a stop light? (flashing yellow lights do not apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, w/ walk signals <input type="checkbox"/> No
H	Do the signals include <b><i>pedestrian signal heads</i></b> ? Do signals allow sufficient time to cross the street?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Some needed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Some locations
I	Must one push a button to get a “WALK” signal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Item	Question	Response
J	Are there other treatments added to enhance crosswalks? (e.g., pedestrian flags, curb bulbs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>curb extensions</i> <input type="checkbox"/> overhead flashing beacons <input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian flags <input type="checkbox"/> in-pavement flashing crosswalk lights <input type="checkbox"/> <i>pedestrian signal heads w/ countdown</i> <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<b>Traffic Calming &amp; Control</b>		
K	Pavement markings on roadways warning of school (e.g., the word school painted on street)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
L	Traffic/speed control measures present?	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>automatic photo speed enforcement</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>raised crosswalks</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>speed humps</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>speed limit with radar speed display</i> <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
M	Are school routes designated in some way other than on a map (e.g., signage, marking with children's footprints on sidewalk, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Section 2 – Walkways &amp; Bikeways within the walk zone</b>		
A	Are there sidewalks for routes children walk?	<input type="checkbox"/> None (skip next two questions) <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
B	How wide are the sidewalks?	_____ Feet (record the minimum width)
C	Are there trees, grass, or other buffers between the sidewalk and the street?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
D	Is there on-street parking between the walkways and the street?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
E	Are driveways along routes that children walk raised to the level of the sidewalk to slow vehicles down as they enter the driveway, or do sidewalks drop to the street level as they cross driveways?	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised <input type="checkbox"/> Dropped <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
F	Are children walking to school on arterial streets without sidewalks, but with roadway shoulders? If so, how wide are the roadway shoulders?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A _____ Feet (record the minimum width)
G	Are bicycle lanes marked on streets to the school?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
H	Is there a dedicated walking or bicycling path that could be used to get to the school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-use trail <input type="checkbox"/> Walking path <input type="checkbox"/> None
I	Are there curb ramps at crosswalks leading into school grounds to allow cyclists easy access without dismounting in crosswalk?	<input type="checkbox"/> At each entrance <input type="checkbox"/> Some Missing <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Driveways offer safe route
J	Is there good lighting of the routes to the school?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

### Section 3 – Perceived Hazards

- A What conditions are present that might be perceived as significant hazards to the safety of children in the school's surrounding environment?  
(consider the area for which children are expected or desired to be walking to school)
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> steep hills or stairways           | <input type="checkbox"/> speeding vehicles   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blind curves on streets            | <input type="checkbox"/> unsignalized street crossings                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wooded areas or unkept open spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> wide intersections  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of sidewalks                  | <input type="checkbox"/> truck traffic   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poorly maintained walkways         | <input type="checkbox"/> train tracks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vegetation overgrowth              | <input type="checkbox"/> crime & loitering in the neighborhood                               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant or undeveloped lots  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> construction zones without adequate safety measures for pedestrians |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> vehicles parked blocking walkways                                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of other children walking                                      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____   |

### Section 4 – Transit & Land Use

- A Is there a public transit route that runs within two blocks of the school?  Yes  No

*Within three blocks of the school, how much of the following land uses can be found (total area)?*

- B Single Family Homes  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- C Multi-Family Homes (duplexes, apartments, etc.)  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- D Parks  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- E Retail Businesses  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- F Industrial Businesses  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- G Other: \_\_\_\_\_  None  Some  1/2  Mostly

- H Which of the following child-oriented walking destinations are within 3-4 blocks of the school?  
(Safe Routes to School efforts should recognize the other trips children take in proximity to school.)
- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth center/after school programs       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience store/bakery/café/restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                             |

### Section 5 – School Site Checklist

#### Drop-off & Pick-up Areas

- A Do walkers have direct access from the street to the school without having to walk through driveways or parking lots?  Yes  No

- B Is there a continuous curb separating vehicles from pedestrians?  Yes  No

- C Are drop-off/pick-up areas designed so that the students walking are protected from vehicles on school grounds?  Yes  No

- D Do any fences, walls, dumpsters or the location of parking areas for service vehicles create hazards for pedestrians?  Yes  No  
 Mitigation measures have been installed

- E Is bicycle parking provided? (e.g., bike racks on school grounds or sidewalk)  Yes, covered  Yes, uncovered  
 Improvements needed  No

### PART THREE – BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

For Part THREE, you will need to visit the school to observe the arrival and departure of students at the school. Prior to observation, make sure to coordinate with school administration and offer to involve interested faculty, staff, or family members in the process. Be sure to arrive an hour prior to the bell time. This will provide the opportunity to observe children arriving early for breakfast programs and to plan your observation locations. Multiple people may prove necessary to cover more of the observation points around the school and to provide an opportunity to discuss findings after observation. If sufficient numbers of observers are available, you may wish to also use a tool to observe and evaluate the safe pedestrian behaviors among students (a sample evaluation form available at [www.feetfirst.info/school](http://www.feetfirst.info/school)).

Item	Question	Response
A	Are the arrival areas on school grounds supervised by adults before & after school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Before school <input type="checkbox"/> After school <input type="checkbox"/> Not supervised
B	Are the arrival areas on school grounds attended by youth school safety patrol before & after school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Before school <input type="checkbox"/> After school <input type="checkbox"/> No school safety patrol
C	Are adult crossing guards present at designated crossings before & after school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Before school <input type="checkbox"/> After school <input type="checkbox"/> Not present
D	Are parked or waiting drivers blocking the vision of other motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
E	Are school buses idling on school property while waiting for students or in morning after unloading?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F	Are private vehicles idling on school grounds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
G	Are there high volumes of automobile traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> < 8/ cars and trucks per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 50 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more cars and trucks per minute
H	Are there high volumes of pedestrian traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> < 2/ pedestrians per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 12 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 13 to 60 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 60 or more per min
I	Are there high volumes of bicycle traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> < 2/ bicycles per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 9 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 30 per minute <input type="checkbox"/> 30 or more per minute
J	Are children observed to display safe pedestrian behavior?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
K	Are children observed to display safe cycling behavior?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
L	Are young children walking or cycling with adult supervision?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Item	Question	Response
M	Is the existing parking/load and unload area able to accommodate the daily volume of school-related traffic?	Before school: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
N	Approximately how many children currently walk to school?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
O	How many walk alone?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
P	How many walk with an adult?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
R	How many walk with a group of children without adults present?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Were any walking/bicycling hazards noted during **morning observations**?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

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Were any walking/bicycling hazards noted during **afternoon observations**?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

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Note driver behaviors that indicate a demand for education or enforcement:

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Would you want your child to walk to this school?  Yes  No  
Why?

Would you want your child to bike to this school?  Yes  No  
Why?

**Record any additional observations here:**

## PART FOUR – YOUR PARTNERSHIP & ACTION PLAN

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Identify existing or prospective partners for your effort. All of the following have been found useful in some school safe routes to school programs.

Involved / Invite	Participant	Contact name/information
<b>At the School</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Parents	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Students	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	School Patrol	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Administration (Principal, Secretary)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Teachers (PE, Art, Classrooms)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	PTA/PTSA Members	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Staff (Nurse, Counselor, Food Service)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Crossing Guard	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	After School Programs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Pre-K program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Grandparents & other Family	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Other: _____	_____
<b>At the School District</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Superintendent	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	School Board Members	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Transportation Manager	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Facilities & Construction Management	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Health Coordinator	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Security	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Bus Driver	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Other: _____	_____
<b>Community-wide</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Neighborhood/Community Council	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Child Care/Daycare Center	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Senior Citizens or Senior Center Groups	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Pedestrian Advocacy organization	See: <a href="http://www.americawalks.org">www.americawalks.org</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	College Student Interns	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	University Researchers	E.g., see: <a href="http://prc.slu.edu/paprn.htm">http://prc.slu.edu/paprn.htm</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Architect or Landscape Architect	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Engineering/Transportation Professional	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Bicycle Club	See: <a href="http://www.thunderheadalliance.org">http://www.thunderheadalliance.org</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Walk to School Day Champions	Search: <a href="http://www.iwalktoschool.org/whoswalking/">http://www.iwalktoschool.org/whoswalking/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Hospital/Medical Clinic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Safety coalition	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Media outlet (TV, Newspaper, etc.)	_____

<b>Involved / Invite</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Contact name/information</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Low-income/Housing/Immigrant Advocates	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Boys & Girls Club or Scouting Group	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Running Club	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Church or Religious Institution	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Business / Chamber of Commerce	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Other: _____	_____
<b>City/County Government &amp; Agencies</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Mayor / City Council Members	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Police (Chief, Patrol Officers, Traffic Unit, School Officers, Community Policing Unit)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Transportation/Public Works Director	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Parks & Recreation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Public Health Department	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Planning Department/Planning Commission	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Department of Neighborhoods	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	City Attorney or Judge	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Fire Department	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Other: _____	_____
<b>State-level Partners</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State Safe Routes to School Coordinator	See: <a href="http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/statecontacts.htm">http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/statecontacts.htm</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State Bicycle Pedestrian Program Coordinator	See: <a href="http://design.transportation.org/?siteid=59&amp;pageid=852">http://design.transportation.org/?siteid=59&amp;pageid=852</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State Dept of Transportation Regional Office	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State Department of Health	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State PTA	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Traffic Safety Office	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	State Physical Activity Coalition	See: <a href="http://www.ncppa.org/stateroster.asp">http://www.ncppa.org/stateroster.asp</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Clean Air agency	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Regional Planning agency	See: <a href="http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/contacts/mpos.stm">http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/contacts/mpos.stm</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Invite	Other: _____	_____

**NEXT STEPS:**

Review your observations and other parts of the audit. Arrange a meeting with your partners. Create an action plan that includes some of the following five elements. Links to examples & resources are included.

- EVALUATION** - [www.feetfirst.info/school/evaluation](http://www.feetfirst.info/school/evaluation) & <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/Safe-Routes-2004/index.html>
- ENCOURAGEMENT** - <http://www.walktoschool.org/getstarted/> & <http://www.iwalktoschool.org/resources.htm>
- EDUCATION** - <http://www.cure.fau.edu/pedbike/catalog/index.htm#safe>
- ENFORCEMENT** - <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/publications.cfm#enforcement>
- ENGINEERING** - <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/publications.cfm#design-engineering>

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