



October Walk to School Month

Walkability Checklist

Dear Parents:

Our school is hosting Walk to School Month this **October**. Walk to School is a time for students, parents, families, and school staff to walk or bike to school throughout October. This helps teach our children safe walking and biking skills, reduces traffic and air pollution near our school, and helps children get more physical activity.

The attached **Walkability Checklist** is a tool that can be used to improve the safety of your child's route to school. Please use the Walkability Checklist with your child on a day while walking to or from school. Younger children will need an adult's help to complete the Walkability Checklist. Older children may be able to complete the checklist on their own if they can read at or above a 4th grade reading level.

The more Walkability Checklists we get back, the more likely we are to improve the quality and safety of your child's route to school. Thank you for your help and support to make our school and community a safer place to walk!

For more information please contact:

Sincerely,





Name: _____

Teacher: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Walkability Checklist for Students and Adults

1. Did you have room to walk the whole trip?

- Yes No
- A sidewalk or path was missing.
 - A sidewalk or path was blocked.
 - A sidewalk or path was broken or cracked.
 - Something else: _____

Place of problems: _____

2. Was it easy to cross streets?

- Yes No
- The road was too wide.
 - Cars were going too fast.
 - I needed crosswalks or a crossing guard.
 - I needed traffic lights.
 - I could not see cars coming because they were blocked by parked cars or trees.
 - The traffic lights did not give me enough time to cross, or made me wait too long.
 - Something else: _____

Place of problems: _____

3. Did drivers behave well?

- Yes No
- Drivers backed out of driveways without looking.
 - Cars went too fast.
 - Drivers did not wait for me to cross safely.
 - Something else: _____

Place of problems: _____

4. How was your walk?

- Good Bad
- There were scary dogs.
 - There were scary adults
 - Bigger kids bothered me.
 - The cars went too fast.
 - There was too much trash.
 - Something else: _____

Place of problems: _____

5. Were cars or buses dropping off kids in your way, making it hard to get to school?

- No Yes
- Cars were in my way.
 - Buses were in my way.

6. What would help you to walk to and from school more often?

- If parents or other adults walked with me.
- If friends walked with me.
- If I had help crossing at these streets: _____

- If I had a sidewalk or path at these streets: _____

- If cars went slower.
- If I was dropped off close to school so that I could walk part of the way.
- Nothing. I do not walk to school because:
 - It is not safe.
 - It is too far.
 - It is easier to get a ride.
 - Other: _____



Please use the back of this sheet to list any problems you had that weren't listed above.
Thank you!

