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STUDENT TRAVEL TALLY



The Student Travel Tally is a quick, in-class survey that provides valuable information on student travel patterns. Collecting tallies on an annual basis is a great way to track the impact of your SRTS program.

Here's the way to do it:

✓ Identify a coordinator

✓ Set the dates

- Student Travel Tallies should be completed annually.
- Collecting tallies at the same time of year every year makes the results easier to compare. Virginia Travel Tally Week is the second week in September. Complete the tallies another week in September if this week does not work for your school.
- Student Travel Tallies should be collected on two days during the same week, on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
- Notify school staff and your Local Technical Assistance Coordinator of the dates.

✓ Survey Students (Day One)

- Distribute the Student Travel Tally forms to each homeroom teacher.
- Make an announcement the morning of the collection to remind teachers and students that it's Student Travel Tally Day! See the sample script at right.
- Teachers ask students how they traveled to school in the morning and how they will travel home from school in the afternoon, and record responses.

✓ Survey Students (Day Two)

- Repeat the procedure outlined for day one.

Collect tallies from teachers

Want more data to support and grow your Safe Routes program? Survey parents! Get started with your LATC or go online www.saferoutesinfo.org/program-tools/evaluation-parent-survey

Example Morning Announcement

"Good morning! Today is Student Travel Tally Day. This is the first/second of two days we'll complete student tallies this week.

Teachers, you have been provided with a Safe Routes to School Student Travel Tally form. Please fill out the information at the top of the form. Put Monday's date, _____, in the date field. Please also record today's weather in the far left column. The weather this morning is _____. The weather this afternoon will be _____.

Students, this survey will ask you how you arrived at school and how you will be going home. The options are: walk, bike, school bus, family car, carpool with other families, city bus/transit, and other (for example skateboards, daycare bus, etc.).

Now take two minutes to complete the survey, teachers.

We'll do this again tomorrow, so keep your Tally form ready. Thank you."

Submit Your Data

Student Travel Tally forms can be downloaded any time at no cost. <http://saferoutesinfo.org/data-central/data-collection-forms>

Print out enough Tally forms for each teacher who takes attendance.

After the tallies are recorded on the Tally form, log in or create an account with the National Center for Safe Routes to School and enter the data online. <http://saferoutesinfo.org/data-central>. You'll find video tutorials on setting up an account and entering the data. You may also contact your Local Technical Assistance Coordinator and they can walk you through the process step-by-step.

Entering the data takes only minutes, but the results will help you for the lifetime of your program.

Please note that Student Travel Tally forms must be printed on white paper for the National Center to process.

Got questions?

Contact our hotline at 1.855.601.7787 or email us at info@VirginiaSRTS.org

