

## About Menlo Park Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) supports families walking, biking, and carpooling to school. SRTS activities make it safer, easier, and more fun for families to walk and bike to school, improving their health, well-being, and safety.

Students deserve to feel safe while traveling to school. The end goal of Menlo Park SRTS is to cover 20 schools, representing both private schools and four public school districts, in both Menlo Park and Atherton, to help all residents get to school safely.

## How Does SRTS Benefit Menlo Park?

- ▶ **Educating students** and families about how to walk and bike safely
- ▶ **Increasing driver awareness** of families traveling near schools
- ▶ **Informing community members** about travel options to reduce traffic near schools
- ▶ **Building relationships** by creating opportunities for families to get to know each other while walking, biking, and carpooling together
- ▶ **Improving health, well-being, and academic performance** by promoting active and healthy transportation



## Get Involved!

Want to become active in your child's SRTS program? Take the following steps:

- ▶ **Learn more** about Safe Routes to School in Menlo Park:  
[menlopark.org/saferoutestoschool](http://menlopark.org/saferoutestoschool)
- ▶ **Get in touch!** Email the city at [saferoutestoschool@menlopark.org](mailto:saferoutestoschool@menlopark.org)
- ▶ **Volunteer** to help with International Walk to School Day, start a Walking School Bus, or other encouragement events



## Project Timeline

### Summer/Fall 2018

Program Kick-Off

### September 2018

Convene Advisory Committee to guide the program development

### Fall 2018

Hire a SRTS Coordinator who will work with schools and share Walk and Roll to School Maps with families

### Spring 2019

Support fun, educational activities at participating schools



# MENLO PARK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The City of Menlo Park supports children and families in walking and bicycling to school through safety education, fun events, and traffic safety improvements around schools.

# BIKING SAFETY



## Ride With Traffic

**Ride on the right**, in the direction of traffic. Obey all signs and signals as if you were a car

## Lock Your Bike

When you get to school, lock your bike to a bike rack on school grounds. **Lock both your front wheel and the bike frame** to the rack

## Be Predictable

**Use hand signals** and yield to pedestrians. Ride single file to allow faster traffic to pass. Pass slower traffic on the left, ringing a bell when passing

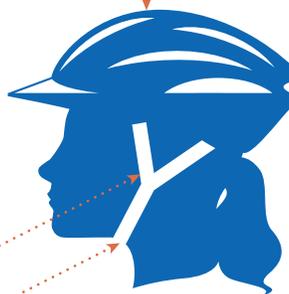
## Wear Your Helmet

### Put a helmet on your head

The helmet should cover your forehead and rest just above your brow bone

**Straps should form a V** under ears when buckled

Is the chin strap snug on your chin? If not, **tighten the straps**



# WALKING SAFETY



**Stop**  
at the curb's edge



**Look**  
left, right, and  
behind you



**Make Eye Contact**  
with drivers



**Cross**  
with heads up and  
looking around

# SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY REMINDERS

As guardians and older siblings, our actions speak as loud as our words.

## Let's All Set Good Examples:

- ▶ **Slow down**  
The safe speed may be less than 25 mph
- ▶ **Look for children**  
Walking, crossing, and bicycling on the street from all directions
- ▶ **Stop for people**  
Crossing in the middle of the street, at crosswalks, and at intersections
- ▶ **Go with the flow**  
Follow school drop-off and pick-up rules. Pull up to the curb instead of dropping students off in the street
- ▶ **Respect Menlo Park**  
Park in legal spaces and avoid double parking or blocking neighbor's driveways. Consider walking, biking, or carpooling to school
- ▶ **Follow the Law**  
Avoid mid-block U-turns, turning against "No Right on Red" signs, and dropping off along red curb zones. Follow directions from safety patrol and crossing guards