

Safe Routes to School

Investing in our keiki's future



What is Safe Routes to School?

The goal of Safe Routes to School programs is to ensure that every child in Hawai'i has the infrastructure, social support, confidence, and skills to bike, walk, roll or bus to school.

What are the benefits of Safe Routes to School?



SUSTAINABLE

Promotes a "greener" mode of transportation and reduces traffic and air pollution near schools.



EDUCATION

Children arrive at school focused and ready to learn.



HEALTH

Helps kids reach their daily physical activity goals and encourages a healthy and active lifestyle.



SAFETY

Makes it safer for all kids to walk, ride, or roll to school.

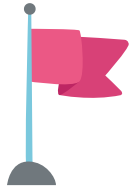


EQUITY

- Low-income children are **2x** as likely to walk to school.
- In low-income neighborhoods, there are often fewer sidewalks and bicycle lanes (less safe).
- Lack of transportation can be a **barrier to getting to school on time or at all**, especially for students in disadvantaged communities.
- Transportation is the second highest household expense in the United States. Safe Routes to School provides **low-cost options for students to get to and from school**, reducing the amount of money needed for personal vehicle use and busing.

All keiki deserve safe routes to school.

How can we improve Safe Routes to School?



Strategic Plan

Establish criteria on what a successful program would look like.



Collect Data

Measure progress toward the goals of the program.



Coordinator

A full-time position to support programs and collaboration.



Funding

Ensure communities can access funding and maximize federal funds.



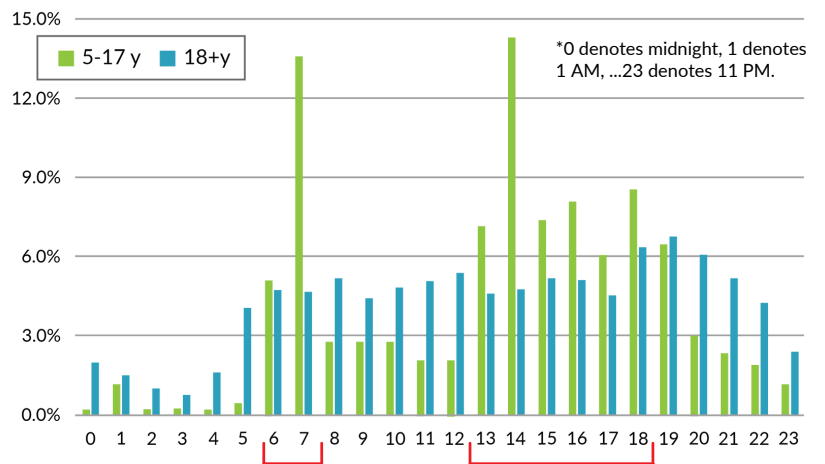
School Bus Driver Shortage Increases Urgency

The pandemic has worsened school bus driver shortages both in Hawai'i and nationally, leaving some students stranded. These disruptions can force children to stay home from school or parents to sacrifice their work to take their kids to school.

Why do we need Safe Routes to School?

An analysis of Hawai'i EMS calls found that pedestrian and bicyclist injuries to children are most likely to occur in the hours they are traveling to and from school.

Distribution of hour* of dispatch for Hawai'i EMS calls for injuries to pedestrians, by patient age group, 2012-8/2017



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