

Minnesota Safe Routes to School

School Environment and Policy Assessment

School Name: _____

Date Completed (MM/DD/YY): ___/___/___

Address: _____

MDE ID #: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Question				
This first set of questions asks about your school's policies and practices around walking and biking.				
1. How does your school or district wellness policy address walking and biking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Prohibits walking and biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking and biking are not addressed	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes walking and biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
2. How does your school or district transportation policy address walking and biking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Prohibits walking and biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking and biking are not addressed	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes walking and biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
3. Does your school or district collaborate with local law enforcement on enforcing speed limits or other traffic laws in the school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
4. Does your school or district have a plan for evaluating Safe Routes to School efforts?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
5. Does your school have or participate in walking and biking events or programs such as Walk to School Day or Walking School Buses?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
6. Does your school have or participate in walking and biking skills and safety training or curriculum?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff trained, but curriculum not yet implemented	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, staff trained and curriculum being implemented	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
The next set of questions asks about your school property and arrival/dismissal procedures.				
7. How many designated and separated points of entry (e.g., sidewalk, trail, or intersection connection) onto the school property are accessible to walkers or bikers?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
8. Is the bus loading/unloading area separated from parent pick-up and drop-off?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
9. Does your school have a written arrival and dismissal policy that addresses the needs and safety of students walking and biking, such as providing staggered dismissal times or separated physical arrival/dismissal spaces for students walking and biking?	<input type="checkbox"/> No policy or limited policy that acknowledges students walking and biking but does not address their unique needs and safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, policy addresses needs and safety of students walking and biking, but it is not communicated to parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, policy addresses needs and safety of students walking and biking, and it is communicated to parents via school's communications channels (e.g., school website, email, flyers, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

The next set of questions asks about your school zone. The school zone includes school property and the area surrounding the school property to a distance of 300 feet or one city block, whichever distance is greater.

10. What speed limits are posted within your school zone? Do not include signs that lower speed limits only when students are present.	<input type="checkbox"/> Any speed limits 40 mph or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination of 30 mph and 35 mph	<input type="checkbox"/> All speed limits 30 mph or less	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
11. Are there signs in your school zone that lower the speed limit to ≤ 30 mph when students are present ?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
12. Do the streets in your school zone have sidewalks, paths, and/or protected walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but gaps are present	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, present throughout with no gaps	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
13. Are sidewalks and trails in your school zone maintained in safe condition in winter (e.g., cleared of snow and ice to allow students walking and biking to safely navigate them)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in some areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, all trails and sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
14. What is the condition of the sidewalks in your school zone? (Best guesses are okay).	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (mostly (>50%) cracked, buckled, or missing sections)	<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable (some (25-50%) cracked, buckled or missing sections)	<input type="checkbox"/> Good (few (<25%) cracked, buckled, or missing sections)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
15. How clear of obstacles (garbage bins, signs, utility poles, overgrown plants, trees, etc.) are the sidewalks in your school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent obstacles interrupting sidewalk travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Some obstacles, but enough room for two people walking side-by-side	<input type="checkbox"/> Few or no obstacles	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
16. Do the streets in your school zone have dedicated bicycle lanes, trails, and/or off street paths?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but gaps are present	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, present throughout with no gaps	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
17. Does your school have a designated walking route in the school zone? <i>*If yes, consider that route while answering questions 18-21.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but it is not promoted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and school promotes awareness of route to students and parents (such as via signage or the school website)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
18. Are marked crosswalks present in your school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at some crossings (or within designated route)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at all crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
19. Are pedestrian crossing signals or "countdown" pedestrian crossing signals present at traffic signals in your school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at some crossings (or within designated route)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at all crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
20. Are adult crossing guards with safety vests and STOP paddles or flags present within the school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at some crossings (or within designated route)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at all crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
21. Is student school patrol present within the school zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at some crossings (or within designated route)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at all crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable