



Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools

Healthy Kids, Safer Streets, Strong Communities

Summer 2019

Dear School Leaders and Safe Routes to Schools Champions,

The end of the school year is nearly upon us! But before we launch into summer, I want to take a moment to thank you for being a part of [another rewarding school year](#). We had over 200 schools participate in the SR2S program this year, which means thousands of students learned about safe and active transportation — thank you for supporting this meaningful work.

At the end of April, we announced the winner of the Platinum Sneaker Award. Congratulations to San Leandro High School for winning the Platinum Sneaker Award, and for being the first ever high school to win! During the Golden Sneaker Contest, San Leandro High School students made a record 1,800 trips using active or shared transportation—amazing work!

I'd also like to thank all the students, teachers, and parents who participated in Bike to School Day on May 9. This year, over 100 schools in Alameda County participated in activities such as bike trains, helmet decorating, giveaways, and more. If you missed out on participating in Bike to School Day, don't worry — May is Bike Month so there are other opportunities to participate before the month is over. Check in with your [site coordinator](#) to see how you can get involved.

We hope that even though the school year is wrapping up, you don't forget to stay active over the summer! Continuing to use active transportation over the summer will make it easier to continue your habits into the next school year.

Thanks again for all your hard work. Have a safe and restful summer!

P.S. If you're looking to make next year's events an even bigger success, you can start planning them now! Visit our [Online Resource Center](#) to learn more about all the services we can provide to your school free of charge.

Leslie Lara-Enríquez
Alameda County Safe Routes to
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It's survey time for Champions and Administrators!



As we wrap up the school year, we want to hear your suggestions for improving the SR2S program. Please consider taking five to ten minutes to complete our last survey of the year. What can we do better? What support do you need to be effective? What activities are working well? How can we improve? Please respond by **Friday, May 24**.

If you're a school administrator or principal, please take this survey.

If you complete this survey, you will be entered in a raffle to win one of five \$50 gift cards for school change to events or supplies from Office Max, Office Depot, or Staples.

If you're a school Champion or volunteer, please take this survey.

If you complete this survey, you will be entered in a raffle to win one of twenty-five \$10 Starbucks gift cards.





Spotlight



San Leandro High School received 2019 Platinum Sneaker Award from the Alameda CTC on April 25, 2019. (l.-r.: Deborah Cox, San Leandro Councilmember; Jan Othen, San Leandro High School (SLHS) Leadership Teacher; Andrew Marquez, Cynthia Garcia and Darius Simms, SLHS Students; Alameda CTC Vice Chair Pauline Cutter; Catherine Lazatin, SLHS Student; Karen Glenchur, SLHS Assistant Principal; Darell Davis, Safe Routes to Schools Program High School Coordinator; Alameda CTC Chair Richard Valle)

Champion Spotlight

Jan Othen is the school Champion of this year's Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Platinum Sneaker Contest winner, San Leandro High School. Along with being the school's golf coach, Jan has been a SR2S Champion for over four years. San Leandro High School was one of the first high schools in the county to participate in the Golden Sneaker Contest and her leadership is one of the main reasons the school was bestowed with the honor of Platinum Sneaker winner. That said, she doesn't take all the credit. "This is a great honor for our school," she says. "My leadership students work really hard to ensure all Safe Routes to Schools events go off without a hitch."

We want to spotlight your school or school SR2S champion! [Contact your site coordinator](#) for more information.



Announcements and Resources

Funding opportunity from Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The James Cary Smith Community Grants Program provides up to \$25,000 to non-profit partners and community-based organizations for air quality education and engagement projects. The primary purpose of these grants is to support and sponsor community-based solutions that address air pollution while also helping reduce our global climate impact. Applications will be accepted until June 7, 2019.

You can apply on the Air District's Community Grants Program [web page](#) or watch their [recent webinar](#) to learn more.

Rail Safety Awareness Week – Sept. 23-27, 2019

Join us in September for Rail Safety Awareness week September 23-27! To learn more about railroad crossings, signs and signals, please go [here](#). A SR2S railroad safety toolkit is currently being developed, and will be ready for next school year.

2019 Platinum Sneaker Winner

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Before you leave for summer...

Please keep these three things in mind to help you plan ahead for the next school year:

1. Think about adding SR2S dates to the school calendar, especially for September and October.
2. Make a note to incorporate rail safety messages and news stories in your school's September communications and announcements.
3. Come up with an initial plan for the first Walk and Roll to School event in September. The month's theme will be Rail Safety – ACT Safely.



A Year in Review by the Numbers

International Walk to School Day

October 4, 2018

- 141 schools
- Over 20,000 students

Golden Sneaker Contest

February 25 to March 8, 2019

- 89 schools (elementary, middle and high)
- Nearly 60,000 students
- Approximately 51% of trips were active or shared modes

Cocoa for Carpools

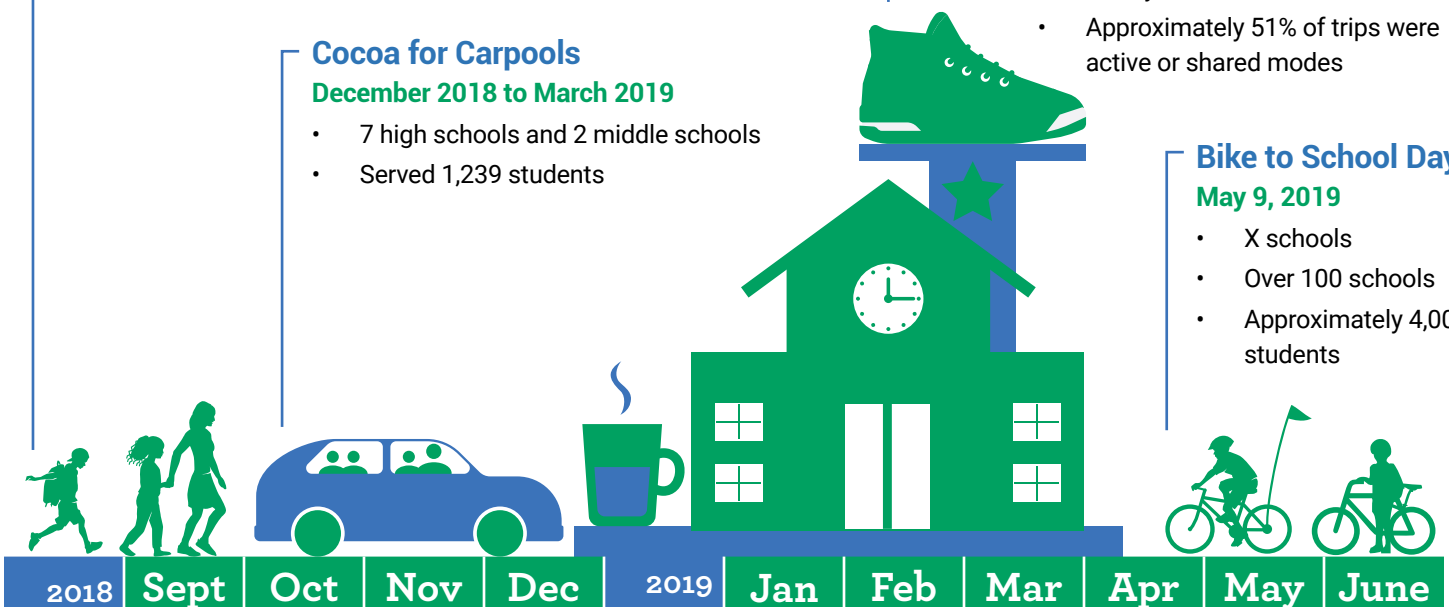
December 2018 to March 2019

- 7 high schools and 2 middle schools
- Served 1,239 students

Bike to School Day

May 9, 2019

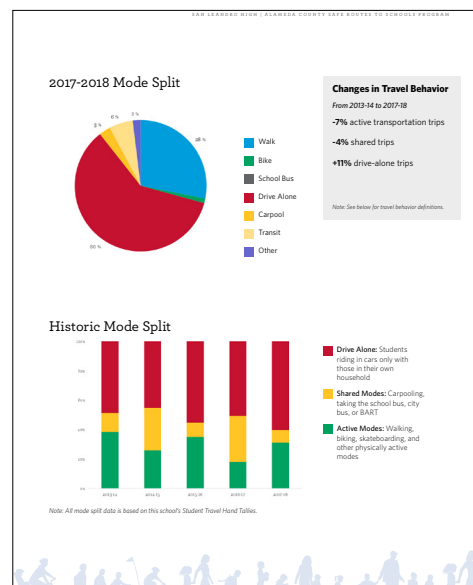
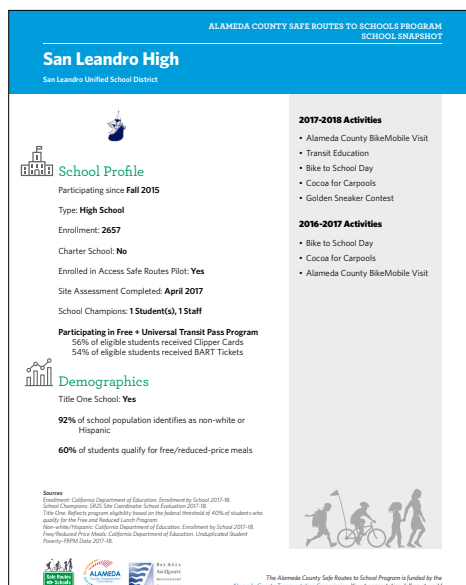
- X schools
- Over 100 schools
- Approximately 4,000 students



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Look for your School Snapshot attached to the end of year email from your site coordinator. School Snapshots are a one-stop shop on all your schools SR2S information and can help you with planning and activating your school's SR2S program



Calendar

May

May 9:
Bike to School Day

May 27:
First set of schools out for summer

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
Bike to School Month.

June

June 14:
Last set of schools out for summer.
See the composite calendar [here](#).

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
Stay Active in the Summer.

July

No events.

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
Create your own!

August

August 12:
Some schools back in session. See the composite calendar [here](#).

August 30:
Some schools back in session. See the composite calendar [here](#).

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
Create your own!

September

September 23-27:
Rail Safety Awareness Week.

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
ACT Safely when traveling along or across railroad tracks.

October

October 2:
International Walk to School Day.

Walk & Roll to School Theme:
Join students 'round the world as they walk and roll to school.

