









2021 international walk & roll to school day October 6, 2021 Elected Officials toolkit

# **Event Information**

Please use the following information to stay up-to-date on International Walk and Roll to School Day, and to promote this non-competitive, encouragement event.

### **Event at a Glance**

- Who: Students of all ages from schools enrolled in the Alameda County SR2S Program.
- » What: A countywide event to encourage students to walk, bike, skate, scoot, take shared transportation, and other active modes of travel
- When: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, usually between 7 and 8AM (depending on school hours)
- Where: Multiple schools throughout Alameda County.
- Why: To encourage students to use active modes of transportation for healthy kids, safer streets, and strong communities.
- » More information is available online at <u>alamedacountysr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-</u> event/iwr2sd

# **Participation Incentives**

Every participating student will receive a participation incentive – pencils for elementary and middle school students and sunglasses for high school students.

# **COVID Contingency**

Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools is excited to host this event in-person. However, IWR2SD may transition to a virtual event at any time leading up to October 6. If that happens, staff will post updated information on the <u>International Walk and Roll to School Day</u> webpage.

Please refer to schools' and county public health guidelines regarding COVID as a reference for engaging with this event.

# Timeline and Publicity

- » Monday, August 30th: Registration Opens
- » Friday, September 17th: Registration Closes
- » Wednesday, October 6th: Event
- » Monday, October 11th: Schools submit event highlights, such as quotes, photos, and videos, and event data, such as number of students who walked, rolled (using bikes, skates, scooters, and wheelchairs), took shared transportation, carpooled, or were driven by a family member.
- » Monday, November 1st: Event data and highlights released via the event webpage.

# For Questions, or to Engage with the Event

To engage with the event, all inquiries, including requests for in-person attendance, must contact\_info@alamedacountysr2s.org to receive next steps from SR2S program staff.

# **Key Resources**

Please use these resources to learn more about the event:

- » Toolkit link: <a href="https://alamedacountysr2s.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/International-Walk-and-Roll-to-School-Day\_Toolkit\_2021.pdf">https://alamedacountysr2s.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/International-Walk-and-Roll-to-School-Day\_Toolkit\_2021.pdf</a>
- » Webpage link: <a href="https://alamedacountysr2s.org/">https://alamedacountysr2s.org/</a> our-services/plan-an-event/iwr2sd/

# **Engaging with Schools**

Alameda CTC Commissioners and other elected officials are welcomed and encouraged to engage with schools during IWR2SD! There are many opportunities, depending on commissioner or elected official interest, to virtually engage before and during the event.

To engage with a school, please reach out to <a href="mailto:info@alamedacountysr2s.org">info@alamedacountysr2s.org</a> by **Friday, October 1**.

Level of Engagement:	Opportunity for Engagement:	Materials/support provided by program staff:	Engagement Timeline:
Medium	Add event content to your newsletter.	Suggested topics, sample text, sample graphics	Add content anytime between Wednesday, September 29 - Friday, October 22
Low	Post or cross-promote event content on social media platforms.	Sample text and graphic	Post about event anytime between Monday, September 27 - Wednesday, October 6
Low	Record a 30-second celebratory video for students.	Talking points	Release video anytime between Wednesday, October 6 - Wednesday, October 13

# Frequently Asked Questions

### How does IWR2SD work?

IWR2SD, our largest countywide event, celebrates walking and rolling! Students place a sticker dot on the travel mode chart based on how they traveled to school on this day, and then receive fun giveaways. Virtually, students will fill out the online mode chart individually.

The event is organized by the site coordination team. Site coordinators are the bridge between the Safe Routes to Schools Program and the school-based volunteers (known as "champions"). Site coordinators build relationships with schools, suggest Program services based on schools' needs, and implement events.

Schools often request that communication about the Program be done through site coordinators to help make scheduling activities more streamlined.

### How can I participate?

You can participate virtually. In-person engagement opportunities are not encouraged out of respect for school communities and visitor policies. See page 2 for engagement ideas. If you have another idea of how you'd like to engage with schools, email info@alamedacountysr2s.org. To participate in IWR2SD, please reach out to the site coordination team at info@alamedacountysr2s.org.

Please remember that any photos taken with students will require a photo waiver from the student's parent or guardian.

# Which schools are participating in IWR2SD?

We will know which schools are participating in the event after registration closes on Friday, September 17. To find out if a specific school is participating, please email <a href="mailto:info@alamedacountysr2s.org">info@alamedacountysr2s.org</a>.

# Which schools are a part of the Safe Routes to Schools program?

Participation in the Alameda County SR2S Program is open to, but entirely optional for, all public schools in Alameda County. To see a list of all schools who are enrolled in the SR2S program, or find enrolled schools in your jurisdiction, visit this web page: <a href="https://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-program/enrolled-schools/">https://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-program/enrolled-schools/</a>

# If I'm not able to participate during this event, can I participate in other Safe Routes to Schools events?

Yes! Schools engage with our services throughout the year. Here are other countywide events:

- » High school-focused event (early winter)
- » Golden Sneaker Contest (February/March)
- » Bike to School Day (May)

One-time, school-specific events are also held throughout the year and occur frequently. To learn more about one-time, school-specific events, email info@alamedacountysr2s.org.

# **Engagement Templates**

Alameda County SR2S staff provide the following information for Commissioners to use. Text in red is for personalization.

### Social media post templates

### To use if you are attending the event:

Please join me in celebrating International Walk and Roll to School Day on Oct 6! I'm excited to participate in this fun @AlamedaCoSR2S event. #walkandroll21

### To use as a general post:

On Oct 6, celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day! Make your community safer and healthier by walking, biking, scooting, skating, or taking public transportation during this fun @ AlamedaCoSR2S event. #walkandroll21

### **Email templates**

Dear [Constituents/Members of the Community/ Members of the Public/other recipients],

The health of our community is vital. Therefore, I want to raise awareness of International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 6, an event happening across Alameda County (and the world!) that celebrates walking, biking, taking transit, and using other environmentally friendly modes to travel. Regardless of whether your child is in school or learning virtually, I invite you and your family to get outside to walk and roll safely. Your participation will build community, encourage healthy habits, and reduce traffic congestion on our streets.

See you on our streets! [insert name]

# **Materials**

Below are graphics and social media posts that are available to the media to use. Downloadable versions are available on the International Walk and Roll to School Day webpage. **All material must be credited to Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools**.

# **Event Logo**



### **Promotional Posters**

See page 6 for our standard 8.5"x11" poster, and the following page for our larger, 24"x36" poster with translated text. These are also available on the IWR2SD event webpage.

## **Photo**

Credit: Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program



# anternational walk roll to school day

Build Your Community



Travel Safely



Celebrate Healthy Habits



Alameda County Safe Routes to School encourages abiding by local health guidelines, wearing a mask, and maintaining physical distance from people outside of your household.

The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is an Alameda County Transportation Commission (alamedactc.org) program and is funded with Alameda County local sales tax Measure B, regional, state and federal funds.







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