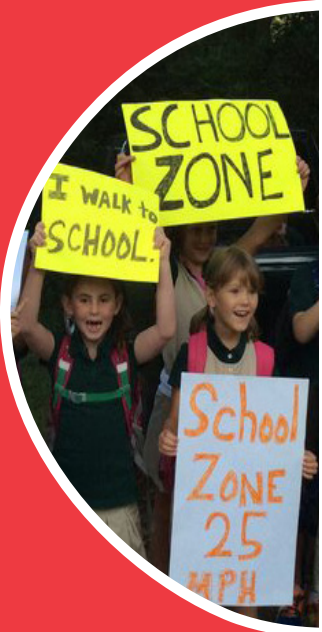


## Why Start a SRTS Program?

- Get students more physically active
- Decrease traffic congestion and improve air quality around your school
- Get parents and others involved in your community
- Promote safe walking and biking habits for children

## The Georgia SRTS Resource Center works with...

**430** Partners  
**288** Friends  
**81** School Districts  
**73** Counties



### THE RESOURCE CENTER

The Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center is a program of the Georgia Department of Transportation and was launched in 2009. The Resource Center provides schools with the tools they need to start, grow, and sustain meaningful SRTS programs.

The Resource Center is a one-stop shop for learning about SRTS, getting practical advice and information on training and funding opportunities, and learning about available resources in their region to help make walking and biking popular choices for students traveling to and from school.

Staffed by five Outreach Coordinators across the state and free to any K-8 school, the Resource Center works with over 400 schools and 288 community Friends. Over 45 schools have received funding for infrastructure projects to create safe walking environments.

Georgia's SRTS program is designed to encourage more kids to walk and bike to school safely. Program activities and funding is for projects with a two-mile radius of primary and middle schools (grades K-8).



### WEBSITE

[www.Saferoutesga.org](http://www.Saferoutesga.org)

### RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE

1.877.GDOTW2S / 1.877.436.8927

### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/GASRTSResourceCenter](http://www.facebook.com/GASRTSResourceCenter)

**CONTACT** your local School Outreach Coordinator for more information about partnership opportunities.

Name:  
Email:  
Phone:

**NOT A SCHOOL?** Become a friend of the Georgia Safe Routes To School Resource Center and get involved! Your organization can sign on to support SRTS programs at schools, or at a regional or state level.



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## GEORGIA

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER | 2015-2016

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# Here is how we can help start a SRTS PROGRAM... or keep one going

## PARTNER LEVELS

Partnership levels signify a school's progress towards implementing the Safe Routes to School programs. Partner schools agree to accomplish specific goals during each school year, based upon four levels. Begin building your SRTS program as a School Partner and grow from there. If your SRTS program is underway, choose a Partner level that fits where you are now with room to grow.

### SCHOOL LEVEL

#### Start as a School Partner

- Fill out Partner Profile with basic school information
- Appoint a School Champion

**NEXT STEP:**  
Start on the pathway to a strong SRTS program

### BRONZE LEVEL

#### Get baseline information and spread the word about SRTS

- Collect data on how student get to and from school
- Host a Georgia SRTS presentation the first year and every other year thereafter
- One item from the SRTS Menu

**NEXT STEP:**  
Stretch to become a Silver Level Partner

### SILVER LEVEL

#### Build momentum and teach safety skills

- Complete Bronze Level activities
- Conduct pedestrian or bicycle safety education using the NHTSA curriculum, a pedestrian safety assembly, or use middle school resources available on the Resource Center website
- Three items from the SRTS Menu

**NEXT STEP:**  
Aim to make SRTS part of every day

### GOLD LEVEL

#### Create long-term sustainability

- Complete Silver Level activities
- Establish an institutional SRTS presence either with an SRTS position the PTA/PTO or on the school's Health & Wellness Committee; or establish SRTS as part of a student group/club, such as a Green Team, Wellness Club, etc.
- Five items from the SRTS Menu

## SRTS MENU

### Education & Encouragement Programs

- **Bike Rodeo**
- **Teach children bike safety skills**
- **Communicate with Parents** via newsletter or have SRTS materials at a School Event
  - Provide tips and facts to parents via school newsletter or backpack mail.
  - Have SRTS materials at a health fair, open house, or any other school event with parents present.
- **Walk or Bike Audit** (within past two years) or observe arrival/dismissal every year
  - Assess safety conditions around school to determine safest routes
- **SRTS Integrated into School's Reward System**
  - Provide incentives to students to walk and bike to school SRTS Travel Plan: apply for Resource Center assistance, complete within your community, or review a travel plan done in the past
- Create a comprehensive SRTS Travel Plan covering the 5 E's of SRTS

### Events

- **International Walk to School Day** - Wednesday, October 7, 2015 or any day in October
- **Georgia Walk to School Day** - Wednesday, March 2, 2016 or any day in March
- **National Bike to School Day** - Wednesday, May 4, 2016 or any day in May
- **Walk or Bike to School Day** - Any day during the school year
- **Walking Wednesdays** (regularly scheduled events that occur daily, weekly, or monthly)
- **Crossing Guard Appreciation Day** - Week of November 16-20, 2015
- **SARIS 5th Grade Poster Contest** - Participate in this national contest during fall 2015 - Prizes for statewide winners in Georgia!
- **Attend SRTS Forum** - Have anyone from your school attend our annual statewide forum in June 2016.

## 2015-2016

### New Partner And Partner Update Form

Fill out the following information to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your school. Please ensure you have the support of your Principal before registering.

We plan to participate in Safe Routes to School during the 2015-2016 school year.

YES  NO

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School County: \_\_\_\_\_

Total School Population: \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade Levels: (Please check all that apply)

- |                                |                            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2     | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 |
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School Champion Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Champion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Champion Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Champion Email: \_\_\_\_\_

At what Partner level did your school end the 2014-2015 school year?

- School
- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Don't know

What Partner level is your school striving for during the 2015-2016 school year?

- School
- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Don't know

Principal Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

School Champion Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1 EDUCATION** - Help children develop safety skills they can use on the way to school and throughout their lifetimes. Education strategies also increase SRTS program awareness amongst parents and community members and highlight how their behavior impacts safety conditions.

**2 ENCOURAGEMENT** - Walking and biking to school are social activities and doing them in groups is more appealing than stepping out alone.

**3 ENFORCEMENT** - A collective effort from students, parents, school administration, and law enforcement. Enforcement should target pedestrian and bicycle behavior, as well as driver behavior. The goals are to educate the offenders and to change the traffic culture.

**4 ENGINEERING** - Improve the infrastructure surrounding schools to help reduce speeds and establish safer crosswalks, walkways, trails, and bikeways.

**5 EVALUATION** - Systemically review the results of the program to identify what areas are working and what can be improved. The National Center of Safe Routes to School provides evaluation tools to establish baseline information on student travel patterns and measure the effectiveness of your program.

**5E's**  
of SRTS

