



Here are some ways to include students who can't walk or bike from home because of distance, safety concerns, or a disability.



### Set Up a Park and Walk Site

Park and walk sites are off-campus places, like parks, libraries, and churches, with enough space for kids and adults to congregate and for cars and busses to park or drop-off. They enable participation from kids who can't walk or bike from home and reduce traffic congestion near the school, creating a better walking and bicycling environment. Here's a way to do it:

- Pick a site. Consider kids' abilities and how much time you have. Be sure to get approval from the person who owns or manages the site.
- Map out a safe route and walk it. This will allow you to confirm timing and potential safety needs.
- Recruit volunteers to serve as chaperones and help kids across intersections. Reach out to local officials and law enforcement.
- Provide pedestrian safety education reminders before and during the walk.
- Let parents know where to go and the route kids will take.

### Organize a Walk at School or Neighborhood Walk-About

Host walks on campus or nearby routes to include kids who can't walk or bike from home—before, during, or after school—even on weekends! Here's a way to do it:

- Consider kids' abilities and how much time you have.
- Map out a safe route and walk it.
- Recruit volunteers and contact local officials and law enforcement.
- Provide pedestrian safety education reminders before and during the walk.
- Let parents know what it is happening. Recognize that permission slips may be required for neighborhood walk-about.
- Consider coordinating with other school or neighborhood events.

### Hold a Safety Assembly

Assemblies are great way to educate students about pedestrian safety, personal safety, helmet use, bicycle readiness, and more. Potential speakers include law enforcement, safety advocates, bike/ped advocates... even students! Consider including as part of a SAFETY WEEK!

### Involve a Special Education Professional

Special education professionals can help you plan an event that includes children with disabilities.



Got questions?

Your Safe Routes Coordinator is here to help.  
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