

CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Education, Encouragement and Engagement

SUPPORTING THE HUMAN POWER IN YOU



Funded by the City of Austin Public Works Department

Education program background:

Started 26 years ago

Scheduled with classroom teachers or other staff.

Lesson taught in the regular classroom

10 - 30 minute lessons a day

Different lesson taught each year

Lessons for Pk- 2nd / 3rd – 5th

Taught at 30 schools a year

Scheduled with PE teachers in 2007

5 training staff at 2 schools everyday

Rotate through 5 younger lessons

Rotate through 5 older lessons



Crossing Guards:

Service 7 school districts

Over 200 crossing guard locations

2 walking school buses

Education: 2016-2017

Serviced 100 schools

Trained over 48,000 students

Conducted 4 bike rodeos

Attended 25 community and school fairs

Provided 2 daycare trainings

Provided 2 adult education trainings



Services offered

- Elementary school education
- Daycare education
- School fitness nights
- Community fairs
- Adult education
- Safety Patrol training
- Bike rodeos
- Bike trains
- Walking school buses
- Walk to School Day
- Bike to School Day
- BOW WOW





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Bike on Wednesday Walk on Wednesday

4 Wednesdays after our classroom education

10 schools chosen each year

Park a block and walk, walk or bike

Enter Raffle for prizes



Lessons used in training



Pk – 2nd grade

- Blue chart storybook
 - Flannel graph
 - Rebus book
 - Power point
 - Safety treasure
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3rd – 5th grade (sometimes 6th)

- Safety Wars game
 - Safety bingo game
 - Game board
 - Safety jeopardy
 - Power point
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Daycare lesson

- Daycare rebus book
- flannelgraph

Lesson content

Pedestrian Safety

- cross at corners, crosswalks or traffic lights
- younger than 10 be outside with an adult
- older than 10 be outside with a group of friends
- Don't jaywalk
- look in all directions for cars (Left, in front, right, over your shoulder than back to the Left again)
- take a walk to cross the street / inside if bad weather

Bike Safety

- Wear a bike helmet. (law for anyone under 18 years in Austin)
- One seat one person
- under 10 ride on the sidewalk
- 10 and older ride in the street but follow the rules of the road
 - obey traffic signs
 - use hand signals
 - ride on the right side of the road

Exercise opportunities offered throughout each lesson.

Travel counts taken in every class for the past 5 years

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