

How to Use the Toolkit

The Wisconsin Safe Routes to School Toolkit is designed to help Wisconsin communities start their own Safe Routes to School Program. It is split into six sections with a seventh section on the CD that contains supplemental materials.

The toolkit is set up to be used by a community during any stage of the planning process. Whether the community is new to SRTS or has already identified problems and started creating a plan, the Wisconsin Safe Routes to School Toolkit contains all the materials needed to design a successful program.

Examples of current SRTS Programs in Wisconsin are included to help further explain and emphasize the importance of each step outlined in the toolkit. In the end, the Wisconsin Safe Routes to School Toolkit will help any community plan their own SRTS Program.

Section 1: Introduction to SRTS

This section gives an overview of SRTS including what it is, why it is important and a general discussion of how to implement a program in your community.

Section 2: SRTS Planning

Developing a SRTS Plan helps communities identify problems, recommend solutions and plan for a comprehensive SRTS program.

Section 3: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Encouragement

Successful Safe Routes to School Programs address each of these elements to make it safer for children to walk and bike to school and to increase the number of children doing so. Each school is unique so the activities undertaken will differ for each school depending on the issues identified during the SRTS planning process.

Section 4: Walk to School Day

Walk to School Day can be a first step to creating a comprehensive encouragement program and can build interest for SRTS programs.

Section 5: Evaluation

After a SRTS Plan is created, communities must be aware of how important collecting data before and after the program is to ensure continuous improvement and sustainability.

Section 6: Additional Funding and Related Programs

As soon as communities have created a timeline for implementing their SRTS plan, they will want to look at the many funding options. This section outlines numerous funding options available to communities for SRTS projects as well as a list of related programs that can work concurrently with SRTS.

Supplemental CD:

This CD includes customizable templates as well as other information to assist communities with outreach, promotion and networking. These templates are intended to make implementing SRTS in your community easier.