

## ALL KIDS DESERVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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Colorado Safe Routes to School (CSRTS) encourages schools and communities to use a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to and from school. In Colorado, many communities, parents, and schools are fostering a safe environment for their students by using SRTS programs to not only fund education and safe infrastructure, but also to encourage healthy options for our children for both walking and bicycling. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) administers Colorado's SRTS program.

Many resources are available to help you build a SRTS program in your school or community. All materials are available at <https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes/>.

### Safe Routes to School Grant Opportunities

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In Colorado, grant funds are distributed annually through a competitive grant process to develop and expand local SRTS programs for K-8 grades. Currently \$2.5M is awarded in the spring each year for projects statewide. School districts, schools, cities, counties, state entities and tribal entities are eligible to apply. Nonprofits need to partner with a state subdivision to apply for funding. Applications are posted each August on the CSRTS [website](#) or by searching Safe Routes to School at [www.codot.gov](http://www.codot.gov). Infrastructure (built environment) and education project funds are available.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Lesson Plans

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The CDOT's Safe Routes to School program has developed pedestrian and bicycle safety lesson plans that can be offered through Physical Education classes or in the Classroom. The Core Subject Lesson Plans were created to align bicycle and pedestrian lessons specifically with the State of Colorado's standards for education for core K-8 classes and have been reviewed by the Colorado Department of Education.

The full set of lesson plans can be downloaded from:

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes/srts-lesson-plans.html>

**Core Subject Lesson Plans: Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Core Subject Lesson Plans: Resources**

**Bicycle Safety: 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Pedestrian Safety: Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

**CDOT Safe Routes to School Lesson Plans - YouTube video**

Also available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cADUnveY9M>

### Colorado SRTS Community Coalition Building Toolkit

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CSRTS created this toolkit to guide communities and school districts in building a SRTS coalition to address active transportation issues near schools by engaging community partners to identify issues, find solutions, develop and implement a plan, and evaluate progress.

## CDOT Adult Crossing Guard Training

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CDOT provides an online adult crossing guard training course. All materials are available for download. Included in these training materials are manuals, guidelines and regulations, videos, evaluation forms, and a certificate of completion. Also included is an evaluation form that allows you to assess the safety of your campus and make informed decisions regarding the placement of adult school crossing guards.

## Safe Routes to School Resources

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Many resources are available to help you build a SRTS program in your school or community. You will find information on how to get started with a SRTS program, planning a *Walk to School* or *Bike to School Day* event, and even some funding opportunities.

### Colorado Safe Routes to School - Colorado Department of Transportation

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes>

### National Center for Safe Routes to School

<http://saferoutesinfo.org>

### Safe Routes to School National Partnership

<http://saferoutespartnership.org>

### Safe Routes to School Guide

<http://guide.saferoutesinfo.org/>

### Walk Bike to School - Home of *Walk to School Day* and *Bike to School Day*

<http://walkbiketoschool.org/>

### Fire Up Your Feet

<http://fireupyourfeet.org/about>

<http://co.fireupyourfeet.org/about/fire-your-feet-co>

### ChangeLab Solutions - SRTS District Policy Workbook

<http://changelabsolutions.org/safe-routes/welcome>

**The Spin e-newsletter** - sign up for monthly newsletter by sending an email with your name and email address to [dot\\_srts@state.co.us](mailto:dot_srts@state.co.us).

More information is listed in the Resource section of the Colorado Safe Routes to School website at [www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes/resources/project-resources](http://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes/resources/project-resources).

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