

Colorado Safe Routes to School



The goal of Safe Routes to School is to get more children walking and bicycling to and from school.

Colorado Safe Routes to School (CSRTS) is a program of the Colorado Department of Transportation and was established in 2004.

“[Colorado Safe Routes to School] supports new initiatives to expand opportunities for walking/biking to school, provides information about relevant programs and progress at other schools/districts.”

— SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

Strategic Plan: 2017 – 2022

To strengthen the program, CDOT worked with individuals and partners across the state to develop a 5-year strategic plan. The ultimate purpose of this plan is to guide CDOT’s efforts in increasing the number of children bicycling and walking to and from school.

2017 – 2022 Goals as Outlined in the Strategic Plan:

- Demonstrate that more children are walking and bicycling to and from school as a result of CSRTS.
- Establish a user-friendly grantmaking approach that makes it easier for more agencies to apply and compete for funding.
- Raise awareness of the effectiveness of CSRTS in getting more children walking and bicycling to and from school.
- Influence policy decisions that promote and support more children walking and bicycling to and from school.
- Develop capacities of communities to launch, maintain, and sustain Safe Routes to School initiatives.



Safe Routes to School programs have been implemented in **61%** of Colorado counties in **579** schools all across the state, and continue to grow.

CSRTS provides training and resources to support communities' efforts to enable and encourage more children to walk and bicycle to and from school. Grant funds are distributed through a statewide competitive process. In addition, CSRTS has curricula, trainings, and technical assistance programs that support their efforts in building stronger programs.

Since 2005, Colorado Safe Routes to Schools has distributed \$20.8M through 226 grants to schools, school districts, cities, towns and counties.

"The program offers a means for communities, such as ours with very limited financial means, to provide a safe and healthy alternative for students getting to school beyond motorized transportation."

— CURRENT GRANTEE RECIPIENT

For more information about CRSTS and the strategic plan, contact: CSRTS Program Manager at 303-757-9088 or dot_srts@state.co.us. The strategic plan can be viewed at www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes.



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