Planning Your
Car-Free Campus Day

With this one-day event, show your school's commitment to safe, sustainable transportation choices—and love for the planet.



In celebration of Earth Month, high schools across the Commonwealth are picking one day in April, May, or June to make their campus car-free. This day encourages students, families, and school faculty & staff to pledge to walk, bike, and roll to and from school. Riding the school bus and taking public transit count too! It's an excellent way to give your campus a way to experience the benefits of sustainable travel options.

Make this event a success by creating a worry-free travel environment on and around school grounds. Use these guidelines to begin planning the event with your administrators.

1. **Communicate Your School's Arrival/Dismissal Plan**
   With a higher volume of students, families, and staff walking, biking, and rolling this day, make sure participants are aware of the school's Arrival/Dismissal plan.

2. **Notify Crossing Guards, School Resource Officers, and Partners**
   Share the date with safety personnel who assist with arrival and dismissal. Also, consider notifying nearby community partners who may also be available to support this event.

3. **Prepare Park, Walk, & Roll Locations**
   Not all students and faculty live close enough to walk, bike, or roll to campus. Coordinate available satellite parking lots where groups can meet up closer to campus.

4. **Walk, Bike, and Roll with Friends**
   Encourage students, faculty, staff, and families to coordinate group rides and walks to and from campus.

5. **Take Mass Transit**
   Consider using the town/city bus, subway, or school bus. One school bus has the capacity of 36 vehicles.

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Ideas for Car-Free Campus Day Activities

This is a cause for celebration! Give students and the school's faculty & staff extra ways to do some good in their community on Car-Free Campus Day.





Turn Empty Parking Spots into Temporary Art or Parklets



Host a Bike Tune-Up Station for Free Maintenance



Coordinate a Cleanup On and Around School Grounds to Remove Litter and Trim Overgrown Vegetation



Invite Safe Routes to School, a Local Bike/ Pedestrian Group, or a Bike Shop to Provide Lessons & Expert Tips



Raise Funds for an Environmental or Civic Non-Profit



Start a Walking or Biking Club



Plant a Community Garden for Your School



Host a "NO IDLING" Campaign and Partner with the Massachusetts DEP Green Team for Signs

Safe Routes to School is a program offered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to increase safe walking, biking, and rolling among students. Learn more: **www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school**

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