

Walking School Bus

CASE STUDY

Provincetown

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Background

MassDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program helps School Partners establish Walking School Buses and provides support to sustain these fun, active commutes for students. We create maps to plan the best routes based on student origin/destination and offer tips on structure, safety, staffing, and supervision. Check out our [Walking School Bus and Bike Train Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to set up a Walking School Bus!

Overview

Provincetown is a small coastal resort town at the very tip of Cape Cod, with about 150 students in grades preschool through eight. For many years, Provincetown IB Schools have participated in SRTS flagship days and include pedestrian and bike safety instruction in their curriculum. Every spring, the schools run a weekly "Walking Wednesday" where students walk the half-mile from Provincetown Commons to their campus.

The Story

- ✓ Provincetown IB Schools use Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day as the launch date for "Walking Wednesdays," which continue through the end of the school year
- ✓ School staff are present to accompany students and their families on the trip



Impacts



Walk-to-school events can be just as popular in small communities



Because "Walking Wednesdays" have become an annual tradition in Provincetown, they are very well-attended



50 students join in "Walking Wednesdays"—more than a third of the total school population!