

Parent Survey Report: One School in One Data Collection Period

School Name: Langston Hughes Elementary School

Set ID: 12180

School Group: Douglas County

Month and Year Collected: October 2014

School Enrollment: 475

Date Report Generated: 11/24/2014

% Range of Students Involved in SRTS: Not Applicable

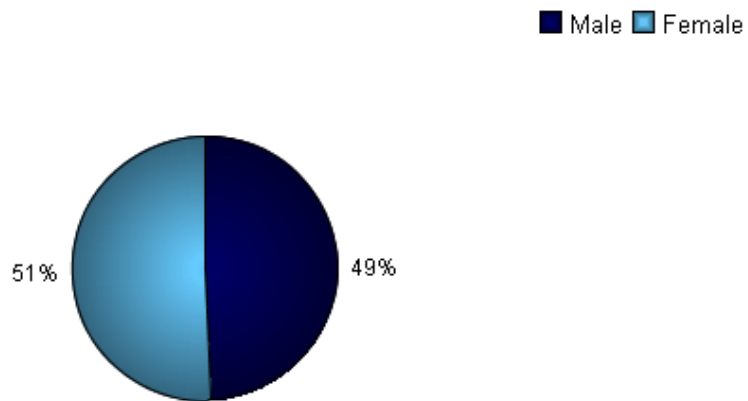
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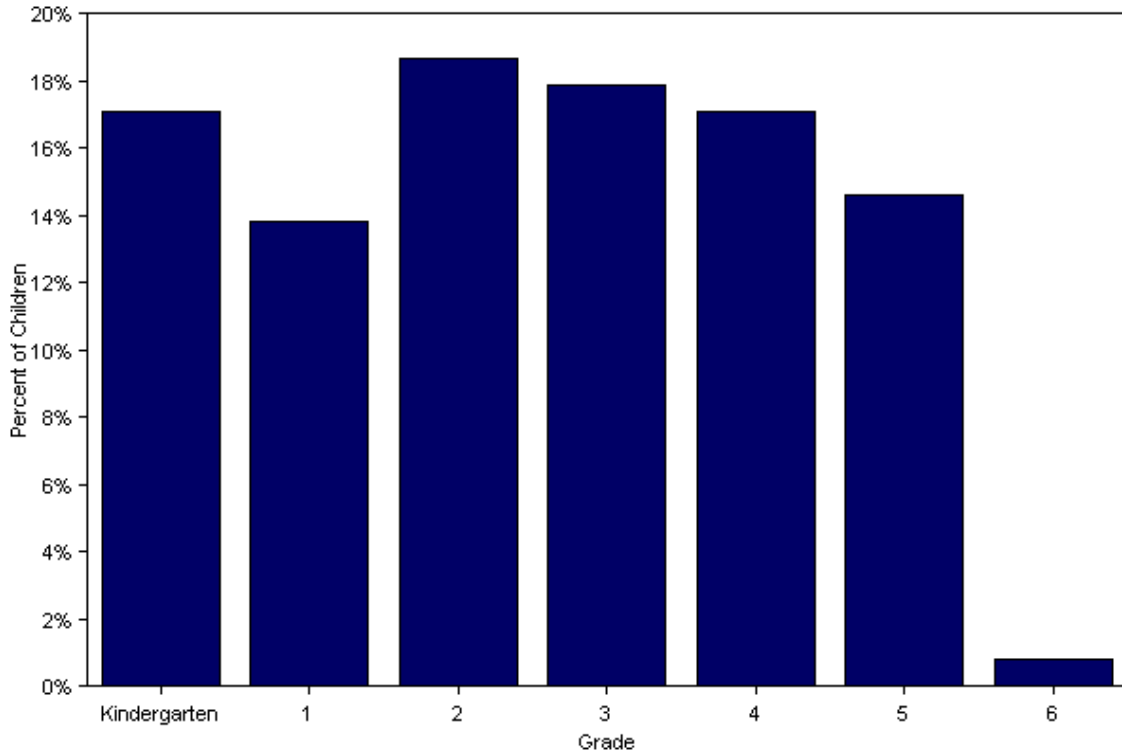
Number of Questionnaires Analyzed for Report: 124

This report contains information from parents about their children's trip to and from school. The report also reflects parents' perceptions regarding whether walking and bicycling to school is appropriate for their child. The data used in this report were collected using the Survey about Walking and Biking to School for Parents form from the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Sex of children for parents that provided information



Grade levels of children represented in survey



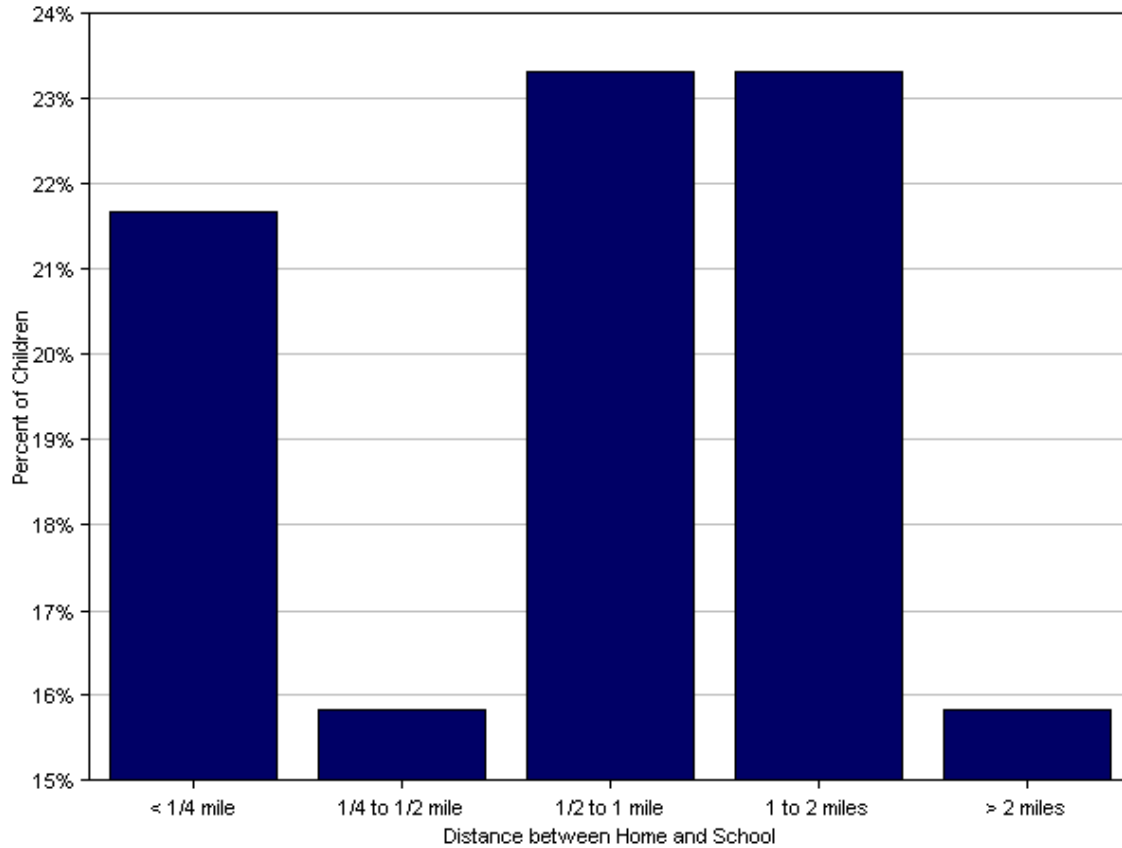
Grade levels of children represented in survey

Grade in School	Responses per grade	
	Number	Percent
Kindergarten	21	17%
1	17	14%
2	23	19%
3	22	18%
4	21	17%
5	18	15%
6	1	1%

No response: 0

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school



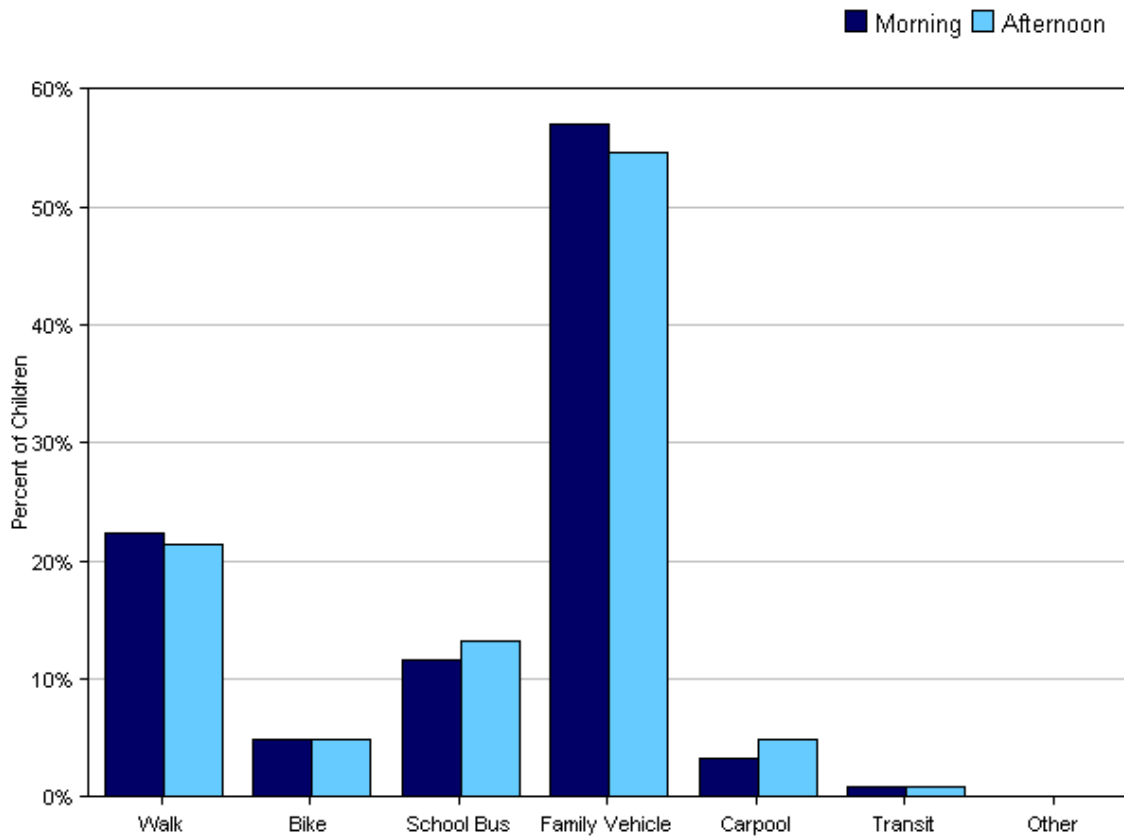
Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

Distance between home and school	Number of children	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	26	22%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	19	16%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	28	23%
1 mile up to 2 miles	28	23%
More than 2 miles	19	16%

Don't know or No response: 4

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Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school



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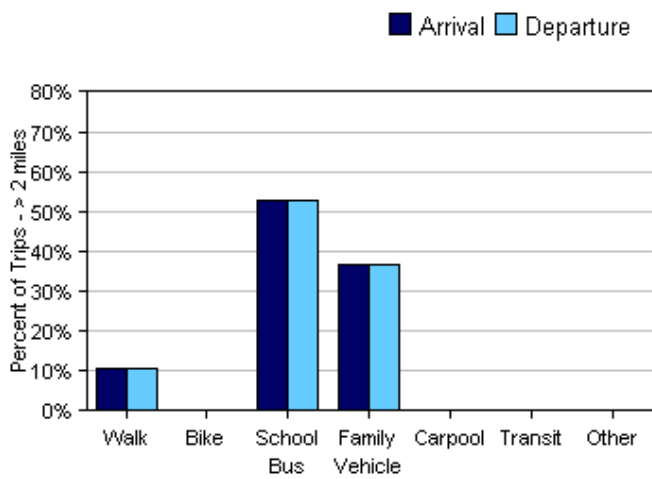
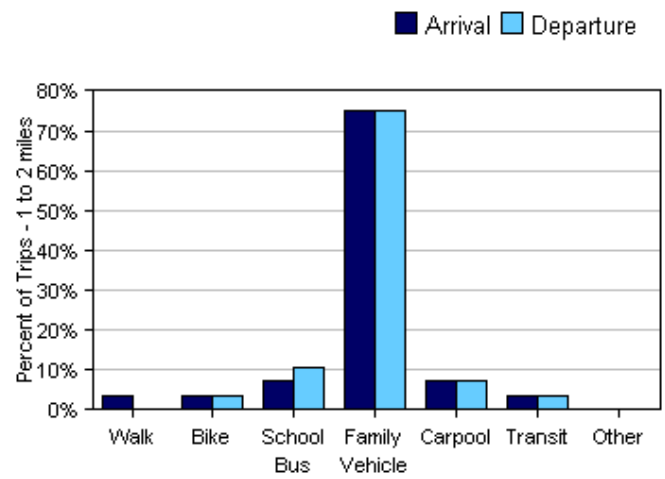
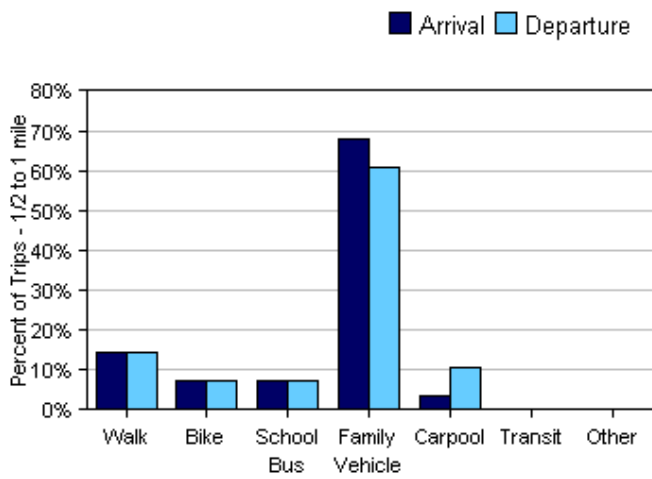
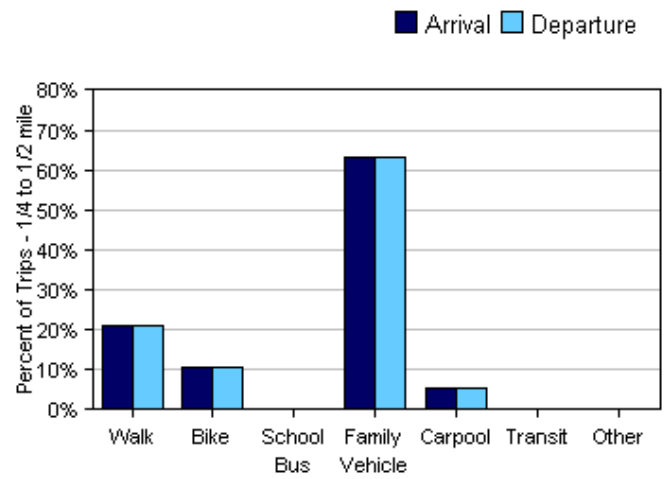
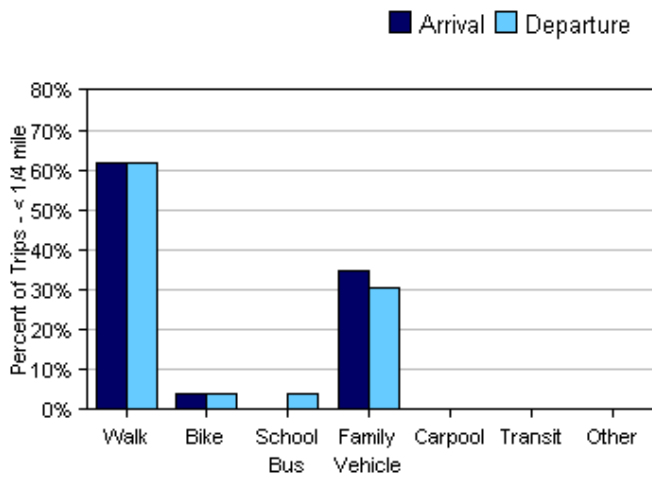
Time of Trip	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	121	22%	5%	12%	57%	3%	0.8%	0%
Afternoon	121	21%	5%	13%	55%	5%	0.8%	0%

No Response Morning: 3

No Response Afternoon: 3

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Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school



Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school

School Arrival

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	26	62%	4%	0%	35%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	19	21%	11%	0%	63%	5%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	28	14%	7%	7%	68%	4%	0%	0%
1 mile up to 2 miles	28	4%	4%	7%	75%	7%	4%	0%
More than 2 miles	19	11%	0%	53%	37%	0%	0%	0%

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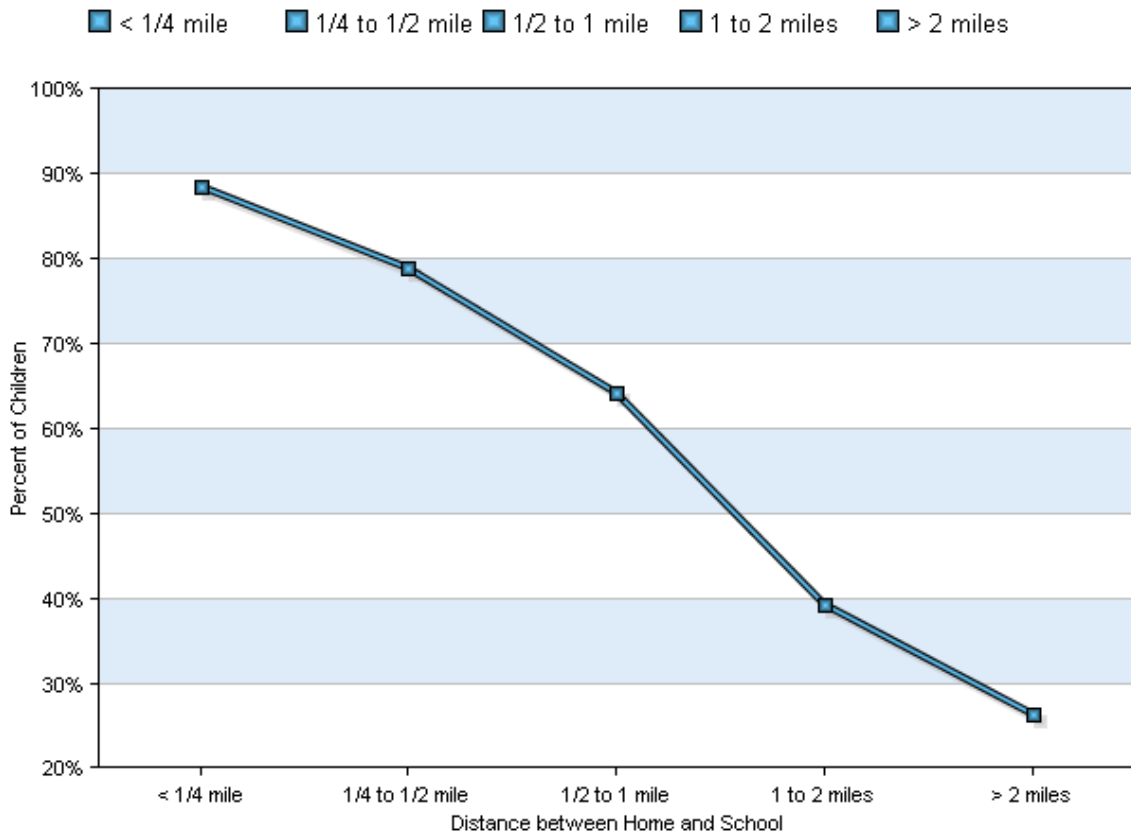
School Departure

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	26	62%	4%	4%	31%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	19	21%	11%	0%	63%	5%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	28	14%	7%	7%	61%	11%	0%	0%
1 mile up to 2 miles	28	0%	4%	11%	75%	7%	4%	0%
More than 2 miles	19	11%	0%	53%	37%	0%	0%	0%

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Percent of children who have asked for permission to walk or bike to/from school by distance they live from school

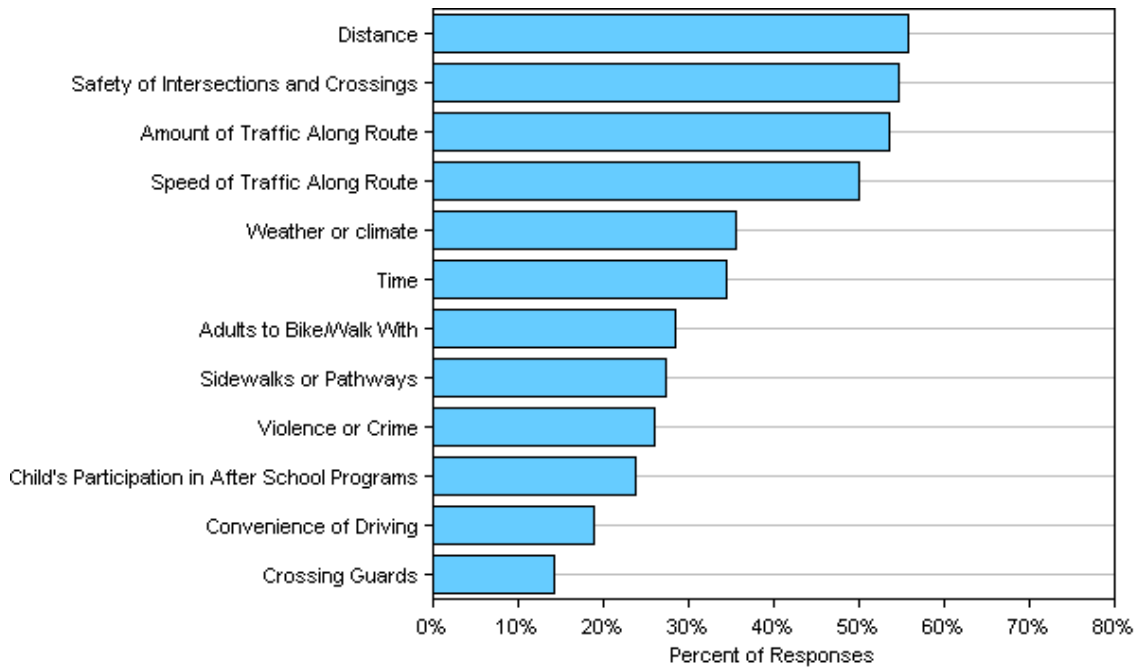


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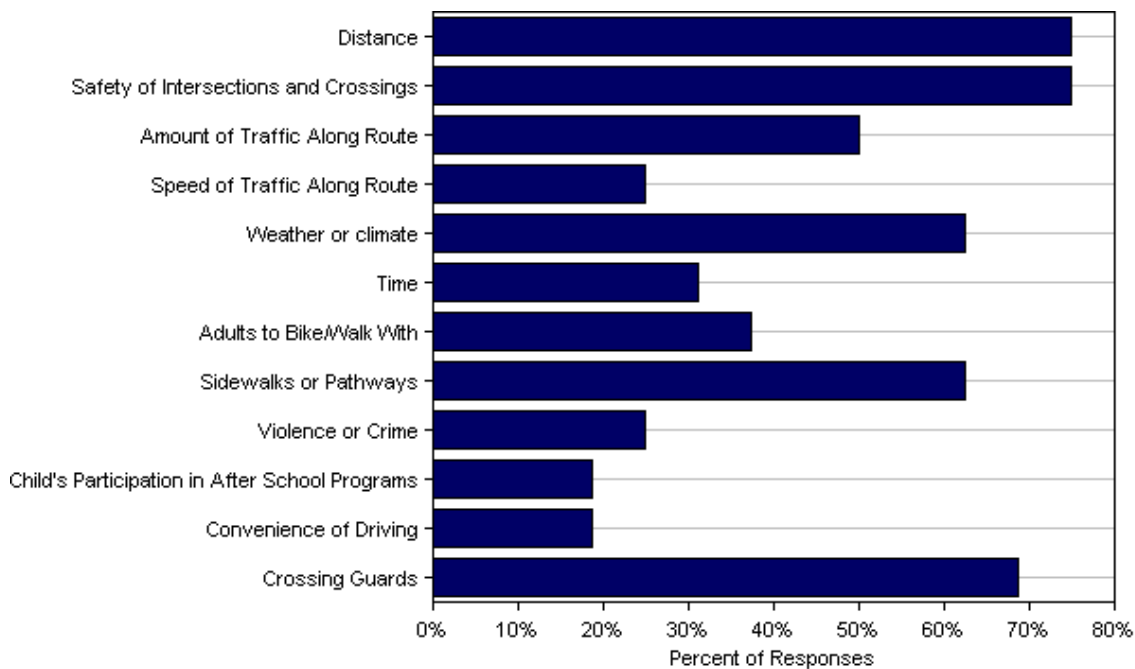
Asked Permission?	Number of Children	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Yes	72	88%	79%	64%	39%	26%
No	48	12%	21%	36%	61%	74%

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Issues reported to affect the decision to not allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who do not walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by
parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school

Issue	Child does not walk/bike to school	Child walks/bikes to school
Distance	56%	75%
Safety of Intersections and Crossings	55%	75%
Amount of Traffic Along Route	54%	50%
Speed of Traffic Along Route	50%	25%
Weather or climate	36%	63%
Time	35%	31%
Adults to Bike/Walk With	29%	38%
Sidewalks or Pathways	27%	63%
Violence or Crime	26%	25%
Child's Participation in After School Programs	24%	19%
Convenience of Driving	19%	19%
Crossing Guards	14%	69%
Number of Respondents per Category	84	16

No response: 24

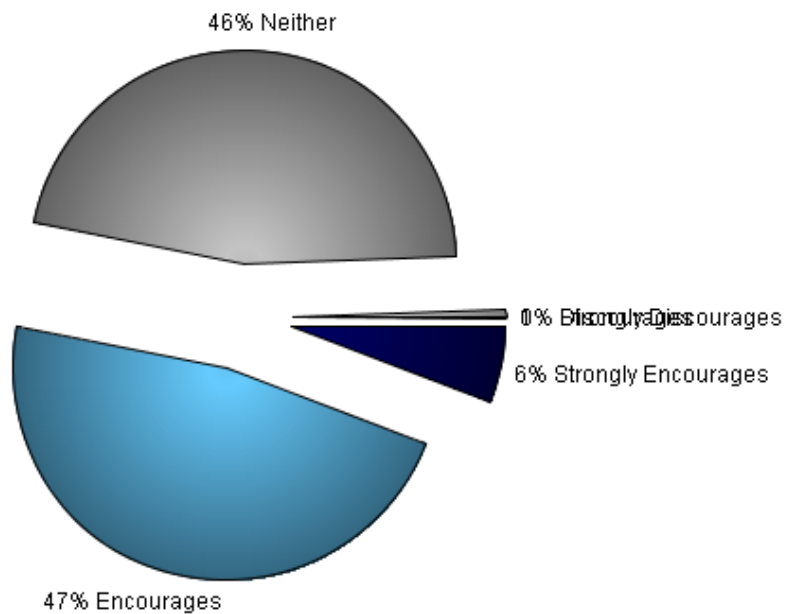
Note:

--Factors are listed from most to least influential for the 'Child does not walk/bike to school' group.

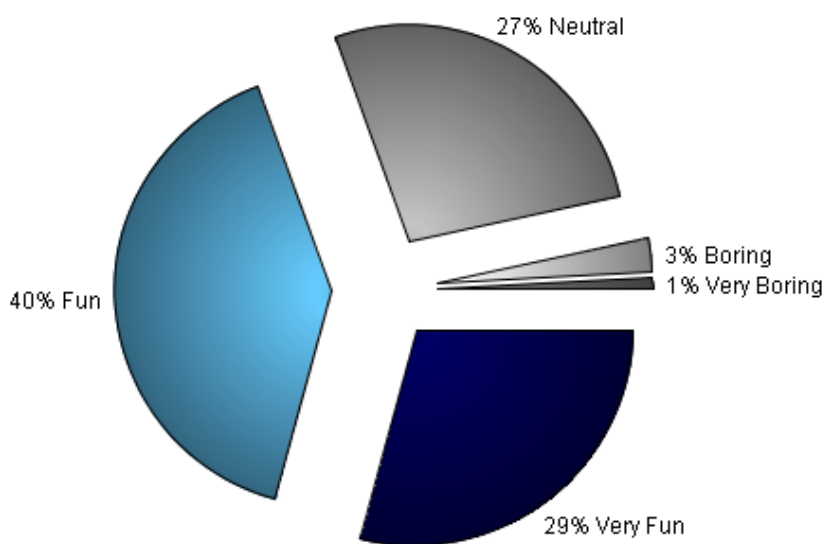
--Each column may sum to > 100% because respondent could select more than issue

--The calculation used to determine the percentage for each issue is based on the 'Number of Respondents per Category' within the respective columns (Child does not walk/bike to school and Child walks/bikes to school.) If comparing percentages between the two columns, please pay particular attention to each column's number of respondents because the two numbers can differ dramatically.

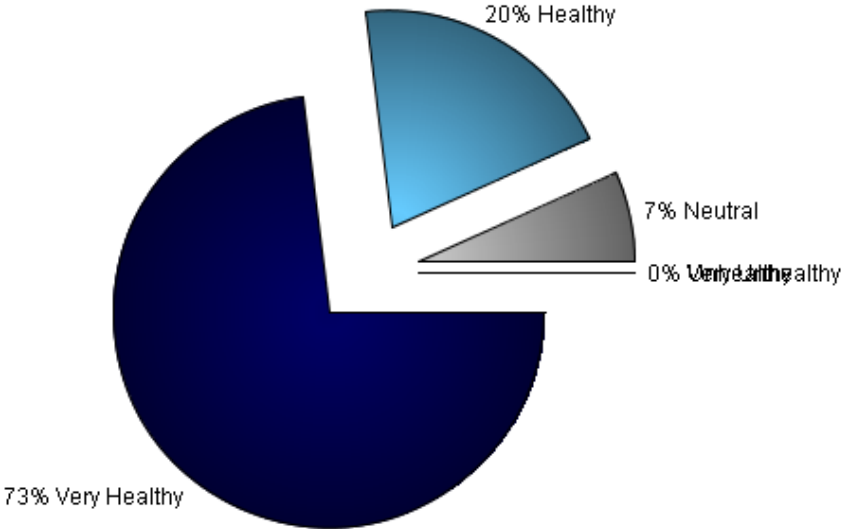
Parents' opinions about how much their child's school encourages or discourages walking and biking to/from school



Parents' opinions about how much fun walking and biking to/from school is for their child




Parents' opinions about how healthy walking and biking to/from school is for their child



Comments Section

SurveyID	Comment
1247671	I answered "school bus" for questions 6a/6b but that is a privately chartered school bus that a group of parents pays for. The district DOES NOT provide the school bus, which is ridiculous considering we live 2.49 miles away, across several major arteries. I would love to see the adults who made that decision try to do that walk/bike ride twice a day, even on cold/rainy days. How could they expect a 5 year old to do so?!
1247674	*Very close to the school but I don't feel comfortable letting my kids cross on diamondhead towards the school playgrounds by themselves because cars park on both sides of the street. I am afraid adults in vehicles will not see my children when crossing. Only one car can travel on diamondhead at one time with cars parked on both sides of the road picking up their children from school. It seems dangerous! Many people drive SUV's and trucks which is hard to see little people crossing.
1247675	I would not allow my child to walk or bike if there were no crossing guards to help her cross the street safely. Traffic is very heavy at the intersection near her school.
1247677	I would love to let my daughter ride her bike to school but feel uneasy if she rides alone, if an adult is not riding with her and/or friends
1247684	My child is 5, she is not old enough to walk or bike to school on her own.
1247688	Langston Hughes Elementary and Broken Arrow Elementary have the fewest sidewalks adjacent to the school property in the district. (i.e one sidewalk out front) The completion of the sidewalk along the north edge of LHE property would address parent's safety concerns of children walking to the Diamond head Neighborhood (NW of LHE). The "sidewalk to nowhere" discourages safe independent travel into our neighborhood. I can speak for many other families that would love to see the completion of this sidewalk. The tree and greenery in the roundabout create an obstruction for traffic. Drivers speed through the intersection without realizing a pedestrian may be just on the other side.
1247702	The distance is 1.4 miles, travelling along a major road with lots of fast paced traffic. I can't see when it would ever be safe, especially with a K-10 interchange opening in 2016. Our high tax dollars should support a district-arranged bus to the school.
1247745	Langston Hughes has limited parking, so many parents park along Diamondhead to wait for the children. This makes it unsafe for kids to use the sidewalk on the south side of Diamondhead to walk up to Palisades because the sidewalk ends. Then they are left to walk in the grass which is a mess in the rain. If the walk across to the other sidewalk, the crossing guard usually can't see them because of the ridiculously high center in the roundabout. Cars coming around can't even see children or a crossing guard in the crosswalk and there have been many close calls. Eliminating the trees/bushes in the middle would make it much easier for cars to see. Also, construction trucks have been using Diamondhead instead of Bob Billings & the construction road for their project, to get to the new Langston Heights neighborhood. Very dangerous.
1247790	Langston Hughes Elementary and Broken Arrow Elementary have the fewest sidewalks adjacent to the school property in the district. The completion of the sidewalk along the north edge of LHE property would address parents safety concerns of children walking to the Diamond Head neighborhood (NW of LHE).
1247797	I often walk to/from school with my kids. They enjoy walking with friends and neighbors as well. Sometimes I let the walk home alone, but the congestion on Diamondhead does make me nervous. Often there are cars parked all along the road, on both sides, making it difficult to cross the road safely. Because there isn't a sidewalk on the Lansron side of Diamondhead, they must cross the road or walk in the grass on someone's private property. Once they are away from the school, at Palisades, they can walk safely home.
1247809	I would be comfortable with my child walking with other kids next year, but 7 seems too young to me with two intersections to cross unsupervised.
1247830	Our son started out at Langston Hughes and our daughter was approved for a transfer. Her home school is Quail Run. However, even if she went to Quail Run, we would not let her walk to school because of the distance and the lack of sidewalks on Folks Road (E 1100 Road).
1247855	I do not feel comfortable sending my 2nd grade girl based on what we see on the News channels.
1247898	My daughter would walk if she had someone to walk with. I would have no problem with her walking but with us living on the south side of 15th there aren't many kids that walk.
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1247915 	We walk to school at least 2 times a week...but A side walk in the the south part of school will help also our neighborhood kids to walk to school! maybe also some 'rewards' ticket when they WALK will also encourage the kids to 'wake up' early enough to walk to school ! :D ----- path walk S _____ I car traffic D ----- E green area... W A L _____ K car traffic ? ----- side walk _ _____ GEORGE WILLIAM
1247933	I walked almost a mile every day to grade school in a Chicago suburb when I was young. that was a very different time. Every once in a while we get a message about Stranger Danger and it isn't work it to let them walk on their own. Also, they will cross a couple of side streets and kids don't always pay attention at grade school age or even higher. It is a safety concern that I don't think is worth it. We walk with the kids. But we are very close to the school and my husband works out of the home so we are lucky.
1248332	We have a great crossing guard (Lisa) at Harvard / George Williams Way.
1248460	There is not a school zone on the side of the school we live in, therefore drivers drive very quickly despite the large number of students walking to and from school daily.
1248816	Even though a Crossing Guard is present at the Harvard/George Williams roundabout, some drivers still present a dangerous environment.
1248938	My child is in Boys & Girls Club AM & PM. There aren't many walkers at those hours. If someone was home, I'd love to see her walk.
1251821	When going up in Diamondhead Dr. there is no sidewalk on the left side (going north), but in order to cross to the other side the kids can either walk long distance to the cross walk or cross where all the cars parking and driving on the bend of Diamondhead, or walk on the lawn there and cross Palisades drive and then cross to the other side in a bit safer area. The results - the easiest path taken - kids are crossing in the bend of the road which is very very dangerous
1251958	The sidewalk situation is a BIG concern in our Diamond Head Neighborhood. We need to have sidewalks that leave the school and go directly up to our neighborhood as this is a VERY congested area where a lot of parents park to pick up their kids. My daughter LOVES to walk to school and I believe that this is a very healthy thing for her to do, but at this time I would NEVER allow her to walk without an adult directly with her due to NO sidewalk and the amount of traffic trying to come in and out of a small neighborhood.
1247667	In good weather, several times a week, we walk home from school, but I would not let my children do this alone until 4th grade. We usually don't have enough time in the mornings to walk, I have older children that have to be driven to before school activities and by the time we are back in our neighborhood, it is too late to walk.
1247673	No matter how safe the route, I would not allow my elementary age children to walk more than 2 miles to school. If the bus is not an option for us, I will be driving them.
1247676	My fear is strongly related to having 3 young boys who are walking/riding not only past construction, but a fast moving intersection at Stonecreek/Stoneridge
1247687	I would walk with my child to school if we lived closer. I would allow him to walk without an adult if we lived closer and he was 12 or older.
1247696	If we didn't both work full-time, we would be comfortable with our child walking to/from school during normal to/from hours when there are many walkers and crossing guards.
1247699	My boys love to walk, but I didn't let them until my oldest was in 4th grade to watch out for them. If we can, we walk in the morning, but I work, so that often impacts time.
1247765	Our 4th grader would be ok riding to school, but we feel our 2nd grader is not safe at this distance. We have 4 children and it seems we always have a littler brother who will need to be taken by car. This is the main reason we don't ride.
1247787	In general, I think it is unsafe for kids to walk to school without an adult present. However, my opinion would be different if it was a group of 6 or more kids.

1247794	I drop my son off at a friends home prior to school starting and my friend lives close to the school. He then walks with her children to school & then he walks to her house after school where I pick him up.
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1247857	At least for us, I feel it's pretty safe. There are sidewalks the whole way. The roundabout crossings on Harvard aren't ideal, but not too bad.
1247896	My son would have to walk down Harvard Rd for ca. 1 mile. Most cars violate the speed limit on Harvard. Seeing that makes me feel unsafe for kids walking or biking to LHE.
1247920	From where we live he would have to walk along and cross 6th St. There is now a light where he would cross but I am still not comfortable about him walking and crossing 6th St. Once in Middle school the school will be over 2mi away and we will be provided bus transportation so he will use that. When in HS it wil actually be fast for him to walk to school than drive or be dropped off.
1247936	My children are in before and after school programs -- my husband and I are both employed full-time (there should be no stigma associated with this, but there is, especially at my kids' school). Since I believe the student/teacher ratio of the programs at the school (Boys and Girls Club) are too low, my kids ride the bus for the program in which they are enrolled to and from school. Walking and biking to/from school assumes that someone is home when the child arrives, or that kids are old enough/ mature enough to be latch-key kids. It also assumes that kids are not in before and after school programs, unless you want them walking to/from school before and after dark. This question is not as simple as encouraging healthy living and providing safe communities.
1247979	We live in the country so walking/biking is not an option. Would use it if we could b/c the pick up and drop off situation is not idea. But we make the best of it.
1248342	If we were not carpooling with other children who prefer not to walk we would walk much more often now. I am however, pretty uncomfortable with the idea of my son walking alone to school. Not really sure at what age I will change my mind. Though I think the school/ neighborhood is about as safe as it can be expected to be!
1248555	There are too many hills (two major ones) that would prevent me from having my child ride/walk to school. Also, dropping him off is on my way to work.
1248822	We would love for our child to walk or bike to school. He would like to also. However, there is not a safe route from our neighborhood. He would have to cross a busy intersection without a crossing guard any way he would go. There is a beautiful trail we could take, but we cannot safely get to it from our neighborhood.
1248825	We would love to walk to school, but it takes almost a 1/2 hour to get there from our house if we walk at a calm pace. Also, there are not safe places to cross Bob Billings from our neighborhood without back tracking. So, we are not able to get to the trail North of Bob Billings. If we take Bob Billings the whole way, we have to cross a busy driveway of Corpus Christi which I would not let him do alone.
1251830	when asking the question about having my Kindergartener walk to school with his 3rd grade brother the school discouraged it.
1249088	They should bus more kids this is crazy
1247751	How would a guardian's educational background impact safe routes? I found this to be an odd question.
1247755	My 3 children walk with a group of kids. I would not let the younger kids walk without a group of kids whose parents are aware of the arrangement.
1247788	For safety reasons (crime, traffic), unless adults (e.g., parents) can bike (or walk) with my child, I wouldn't allow my child walk (bike) to (from) school.
1248180	I am very weary of not having an adult that I trust walking with my child to protect her from a stranger or other adult with ill intentions that could take advantage of the situation.
1248246	Sometimes I walk her home from school if the weather is nice and I have time.
1247670	We walk to school at times when I am home and available and drive to school when Mom and Dad are working. So, survey results don't really take this into consideration. My son also complains every time I make him walk. I have another younger child so biking is really out of the question as I couldn't keep up with walking. We tried riding the scooter before but he found this boring because he had to slow down for Mom. I don't feel he's old enough to ride to school himself even the very short distance that we go to school.
1247681	I personally like the idea of my children biking or walking to school. I have 2 children currently attending in the 3rd and 1st grades. I am a little concerned about safety with traffic and stranger danger.

1247746	The roundabout near school is really dangerous. People speed thru and don't yield to pedestrians or right of way cars. One solution is to put a crosswalk on George Williams Way right in front of school. Drivers expect pedestrians near the school and have a wide range of view at this location.
1247910	Langston is close enough that our kids can get there easily. Our challenge is having two working parents who are not home after school. They enjoy walking & riding their bikes. If there were a "club" of some sort we might feel better about them doing it more often.
1247931	It is 1.6 miles from our driveway to the school parking lot. Apparently the local school district uses "as the crow flies" to determine appropriate distances for children to be able to walk to school. This is not practical. He would be expected to walk Bob Billings, by himself, from our street all the way to George Williams. This is a fairly high traffic road and will only get a busier when the by pass connects to it. We have walked it together a couple of times. I would never let him walk it by himself. Hard to believe the school district thinks this is an okay route, and even less so when he was in kindergarten. I miss school buses that actually picked up kids. So instead we juggle schedules and drive him and then deal with traffic issues at the school. Later, when he goes to Southwest, he will have to cross both Wakarusa and Clinton Parkway. While he will be older then, the traffic will be even worse. It is just not safe for children to bicycle on these roads.
1247721	I answered Neutral to question 14 because although I understand how healthy it can be to walk or bike we literally live less than a block a way from the school. Walking is probably not very healthy to her because of the short distance but it is more convenient than driving around the school to park anyway and its a nice time quality time that she gets with either parent that day as we make our way to school together.
1247682	My son does not attend our neighborhood school so walking or riding a bike isn't a choice because of the distance. If he did go to our neighborhood school we would not allow him to walk or ride his bike because of traffic and a dangerous intersection on the fastest/most convenient route to school.
1248405	With increased traffic students should have an option to cross at George Williams on Bob Billings