

Parent Survey Report: One School in One Data Collection Period

School Name: Prairie Park Elementary School

Set ID: 12182

School Group: Douglas County

Month and Year Collected: October 2014

School Enrollment: 375

Date Report Generated: 11/24/2014

% Range of Students Involved in SRTS: Not Applicable

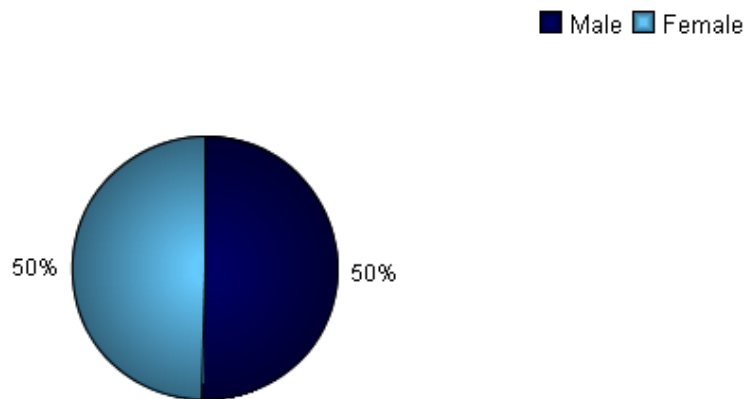
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Number of Questionnaires Distributed: 0

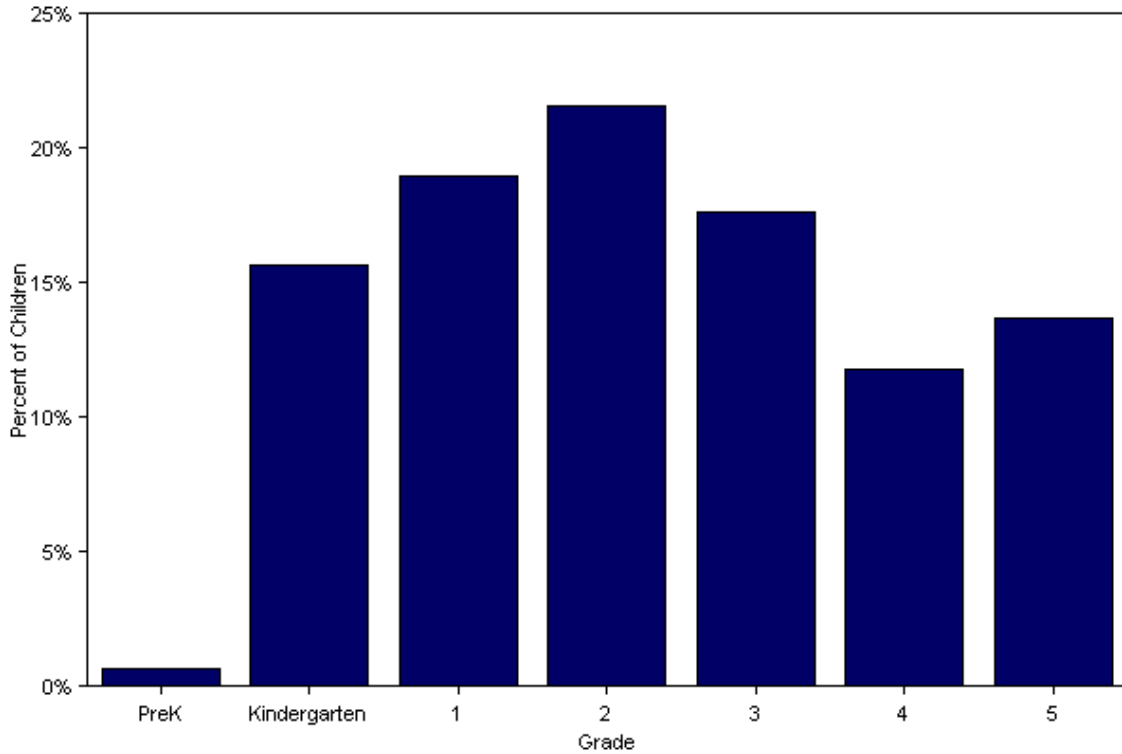
Number of Questionnaires Analyzed for Report: 153

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



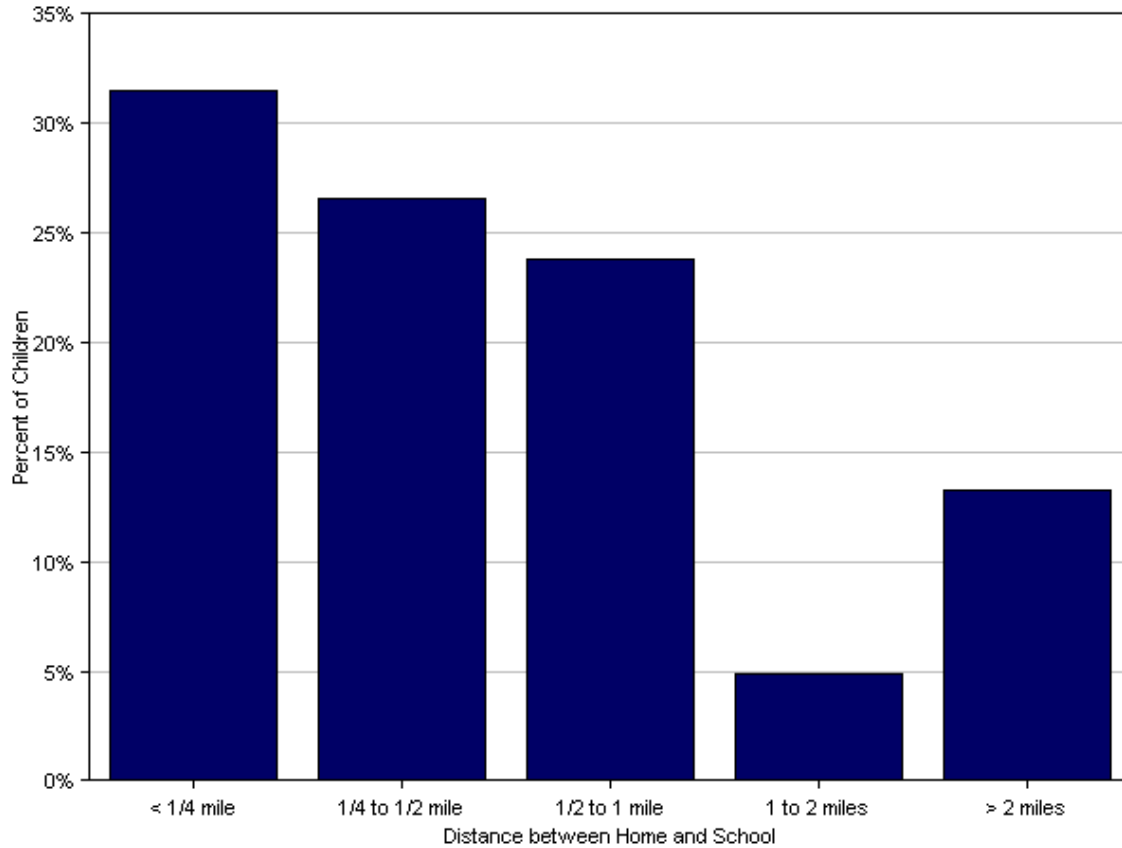
Grade levels of children represented in survey

Grade in School	Responses per grade	
	Number	Percent
PreK	1	1%
Kindergarten	24	16%
1	29	19%
2	33	22%
3	27	18%
4	18	12%
5	21	14%

No response: 0

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school



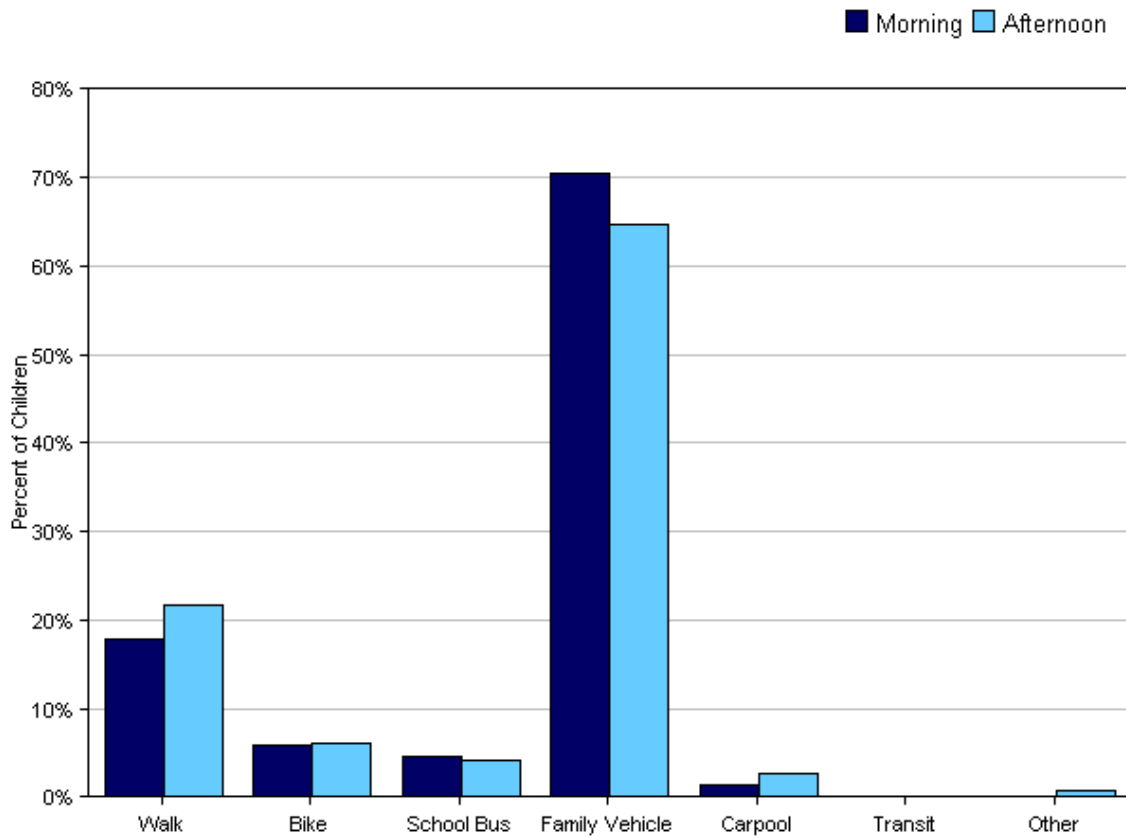
Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

Distance between home and school	Number of children	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	45	31%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	38	27%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	34	24%
1 mile up to 2 miles	7	5%
More than 2 miles	19	13%

Don't know or No response: 10

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Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school



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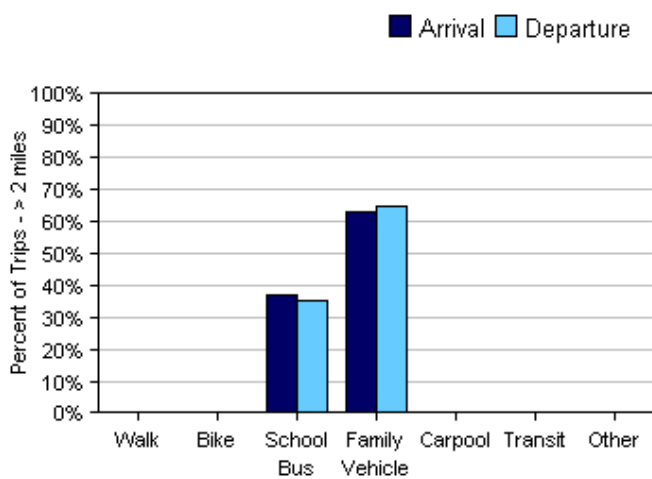
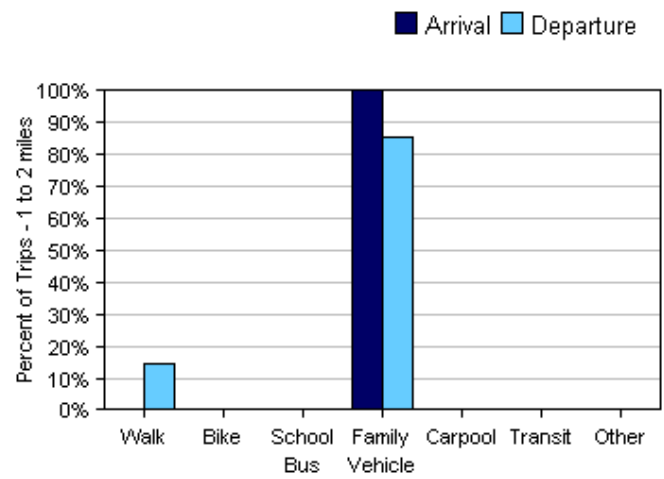
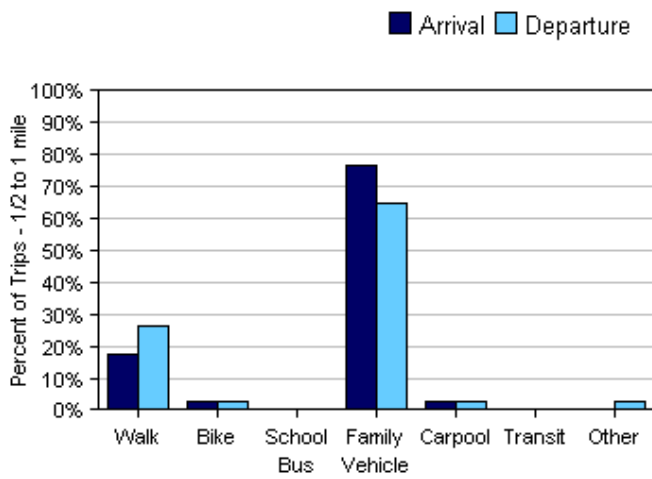
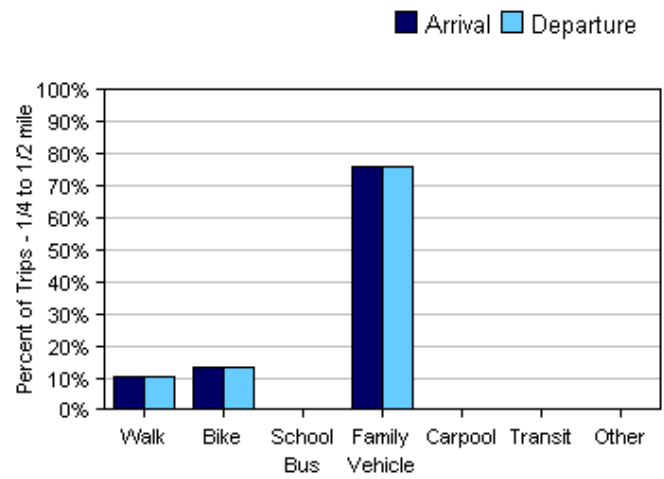
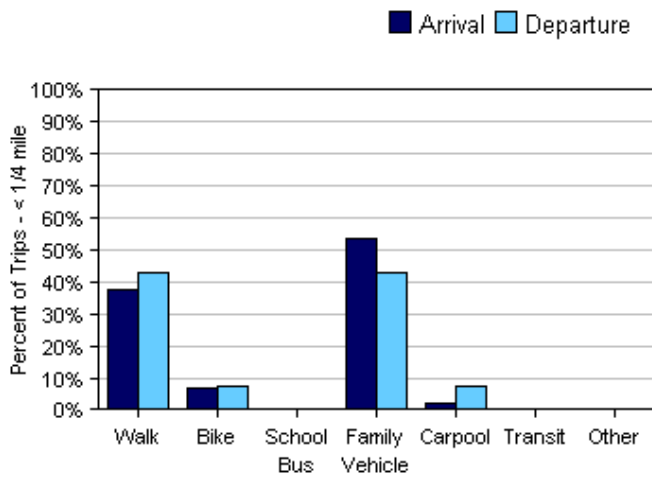
Time of Trip	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	152	18%	6%	5%	70%	1%	0%	0%
Afternoon	147	22%	6%	4%	65%	3%	0%	0.7%

No Response Morning: 1

No Response Afternoon: 6

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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	45	38%	7%	0%	53%	2%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	38	11%	13%	0%	76%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	34	18%	3%	0%	76%	3%	0%	0%
1 mile up to 2 miles	7	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	19	0%	0%	37%	63%	0%	0%	0%

Don't know or No response: 10

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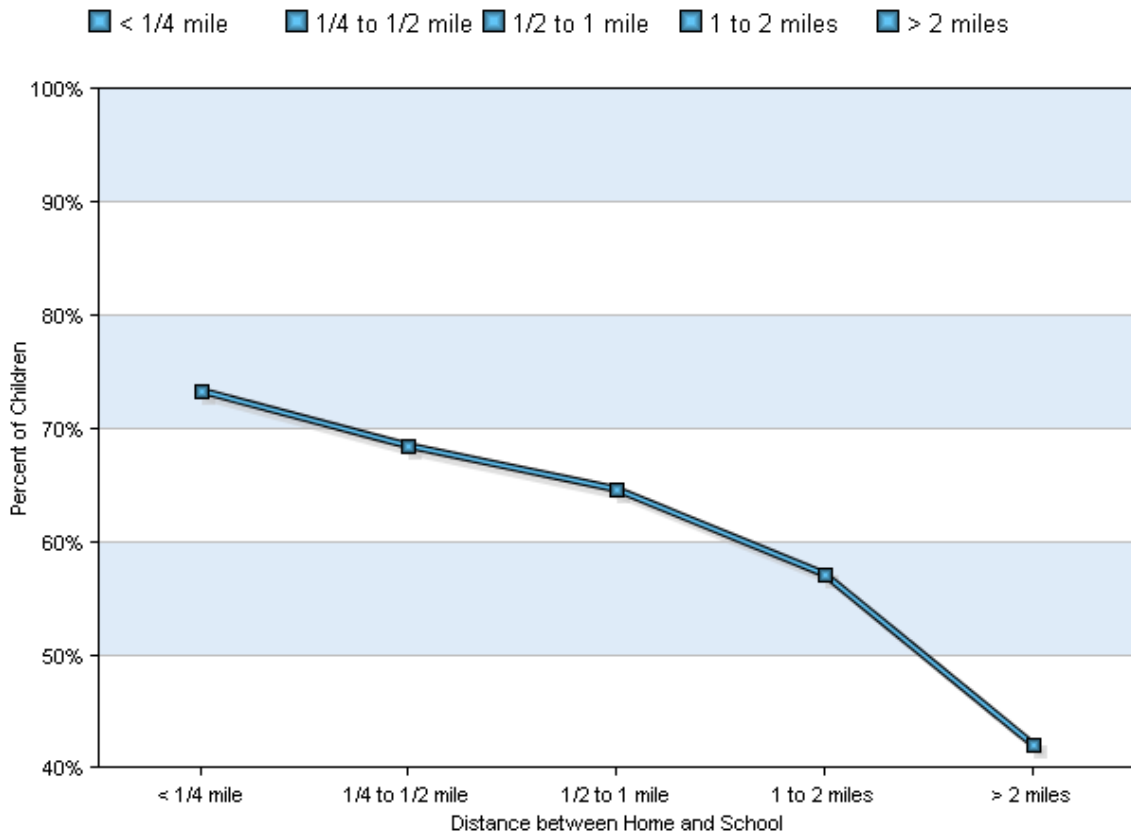
School Departure

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	42	43%	7%	0%	43%	7%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	38	11%	13%	0%	76%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	34	26%	3%	0%	65%	3%	0%	3%
1 mile up to 2 miles	7	14%	0%	0%	86%	0%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	17	0%	0%	35%	65%	0%	0%	0%

Don't know or No response: 15

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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

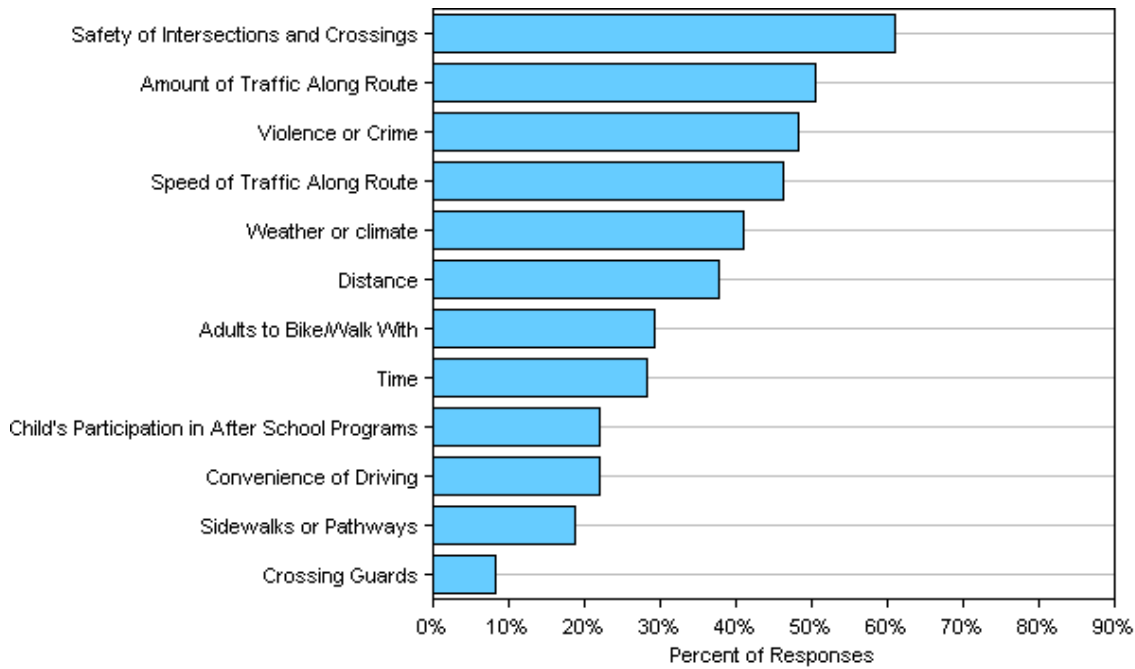


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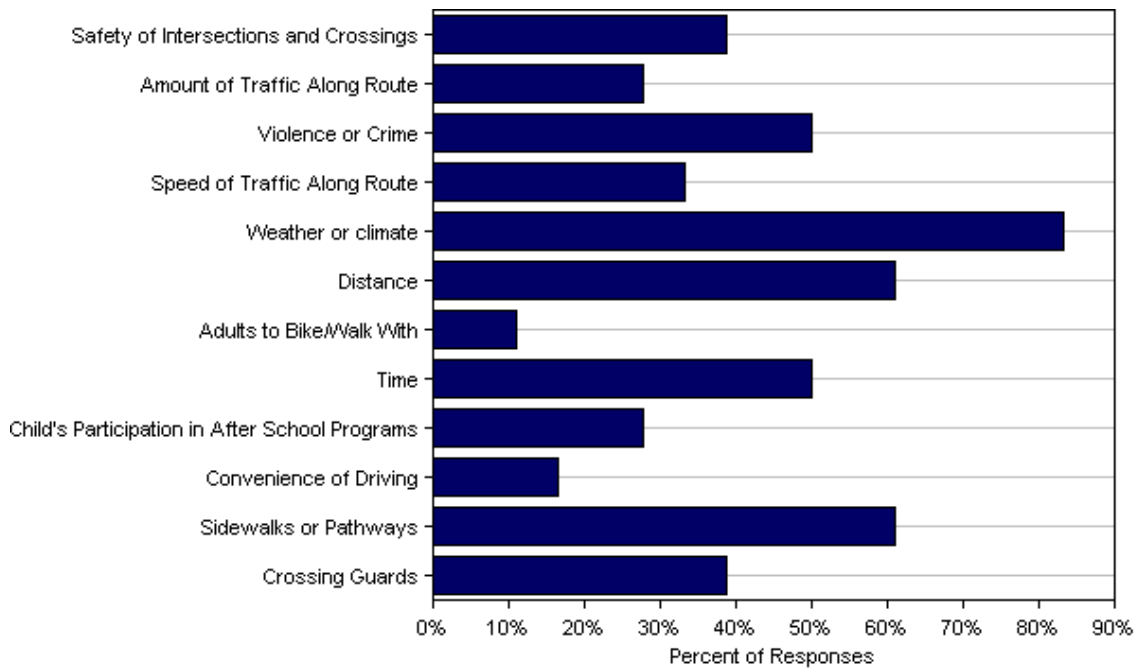
Asked Permission?	Number of Children	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Yes	93	73%	68%	65%	57%	42%
No	50	27%	32%	35%	43%	58%

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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
Safety of Intersections and Crossings	61%	39%
Amount of Traffic Along Route	51%	28%
Violence or Crime	48%	50%
Speed of Traffic Along Route	46%	33%
Weather or climate	41%	83%
Distance	38%	61%
Adults to Bike/Walk With	29%	11%
Time	28%	50%
Child's Participation in After School Programs	22%	28%
Convenience of Driving	22%	17%
Sidewalks or Pathways	19%	61%
Crossing Guards	8%	39%
Number of Respondents per Category	95	18

No response: 40

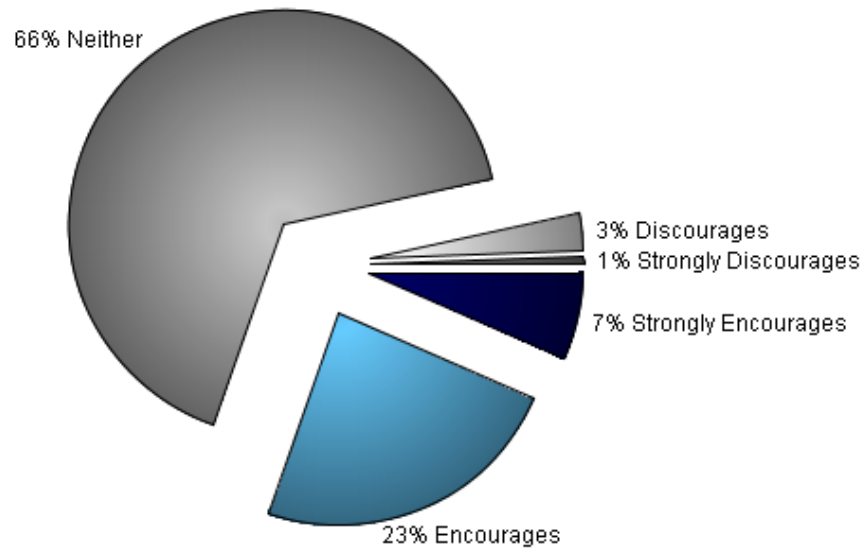
Note:

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

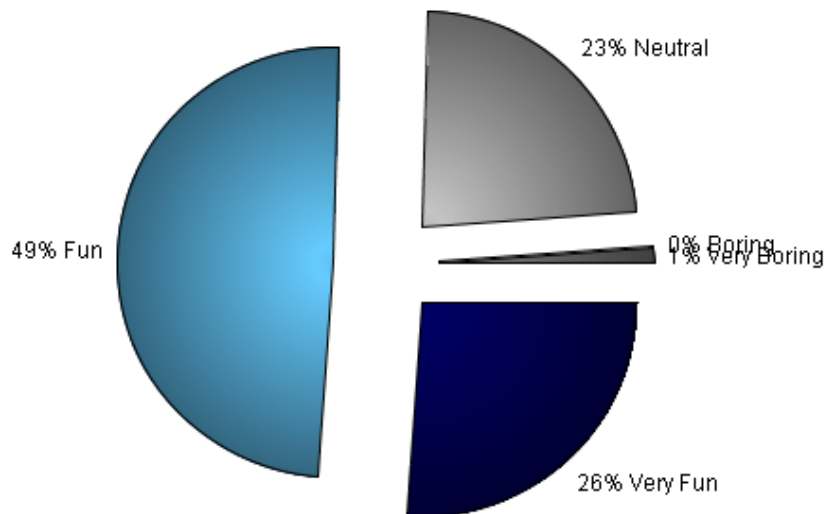
--Each column may sum to > 100% because respondent could select more than issue

--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.

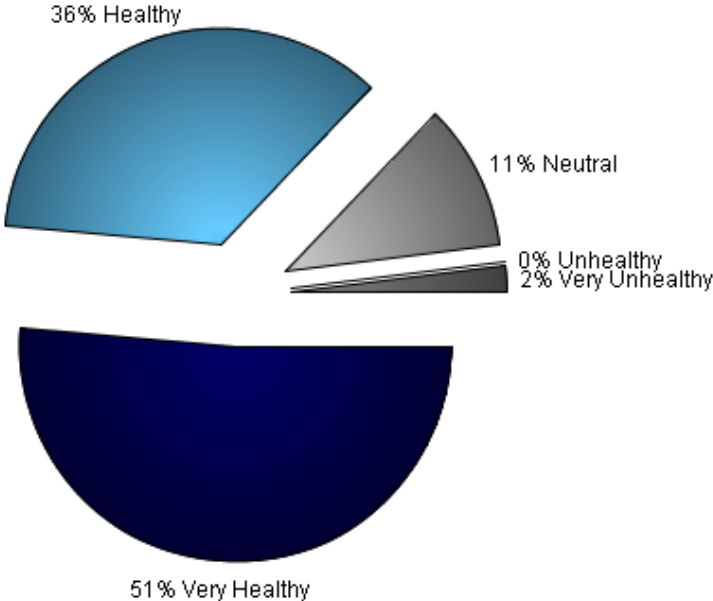
Parents' opinions about how much their child's school encourages or discourages walking and biking to/from school



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
1254276	I know walking/biking is good for all of us but in my opinion because of the wooded area and all the crime that goes on I have no trust in letting my child walk/ride at this time.
1254281	As long as it is safe to walk to school I encourage it.
1254578	*Third grade if in a group NOT alone
1255526	Safety is our main issue. I would let my daughter walk to and from school as she gets older only if there were other kids going the same route. I would not let her do this alone.
1255528	When she gets older she's going to walk home from school.
1255577	We live too far for kids to walk/ride bike to school
1255601	I would feel more comfortable if the homeless shelter wasn't so close. Our neighbor's teenage daughter found a homeless person in their garage this past winter. Harmful or not, it's too scary.
1255629	We would love to be able to walk to school more often, but we have another child in middle school. the start times of both schools are too close to allow for us to walk and still get to middle school on time.
1255642	Due to the child predators my child will not walk or bike alone she would be a very easy target. Society is a mess and I value her life more than a bike ride. Allow to walk/bike without adult in 3rd grade with buddy.
1255646	Grade 2 with a buddy
1253247	I find the districts policy on riding bikes to school very discouraging and believe it makes for a less safe environment for all students. The districts policy states, The district strongly recommends that no student be allowed to ride bicycles to and from school before the student has been enrolled in the 3rd grade. This policy does not specify a difference in whether the student is accompanied by an adult or not. Every parent that I have talked to about this at Praire Park, where we attend, takes this policy to mean that they should not ride to school at all with their child until 3rd grade. In kindergarten and first grade, our teachers did not even phrase the policy to us as something the district discouraged but flat out said it was forbidden. (I was told by the principal, however, that as the district's policy stands, it is ultimately up to the parents discretion.) What bothers me about this policy is that if the recommendation is followed, students will never ride their bikes to or from school until the first day of 3rd grade, at which point they are suddenly allowed to ride by themselves, even though they have never had a chance to practice the route on an actual school day with actual school traffic. A parent who tries to follow the rules will miss three whole years of practice at a developmental time when their children are very impressionable and still tend to cling to what their parents say as the ultimate in wisdom and rule of law. I chose not to follow the districts recommendations and have biked with my son to school since his first day of kindergarten. Given the layout of our neighborhood, we are able to go the whole way on sidewalks and designated shared use paths and I have been able to teach him bike safety and how to watch out for and communicate with cars. I have spoken to other parents who would be interested in doing the same thing, but are worried about getting their child in trouble. While walking is also a great option for getting to school, there is no doubt that biking or driving can save time, something that is valuable to me and most everyone else. When biking is forbidden, the only other fast option is to drive. Therefore, there are a massive amount of cars flowing through our parking lot at drop off and pick up. For every family that were able to choose to bike instead of driving to school, there would be one less car on the roads and in the parking lots of the school, making it safer for EVERYONE. My recommendation is that, at the very least, the district change the wording of their bike policy to distinguish between riding to school alone and riding while accompanied by an adult. Likewise, I think allowing scooters and skateboards WHEN accompanied by an adult would increase how much fun the kids have traveling to and from school and can provide a way to make walking more practical for more families. Thanks for your work and advocacy on this matter. I look forward to seeing the results of your efforts.
1254256	It is my understanding that the school discourages children under 3rd grade from walking or biking, this is the only reason he doesn't. We live 5 blocks from school.
1254264	The intersection at 25th and Kensington (only a yield on 2 sides) is very dangerous! Even as an adult it makes me nervous. Drivers do not yield to pedestrians.
1254284	I would love to have a way to know he arrives each day, example text message or a site I could check - I don't want to wait for the school to call me 2 hrs later to tell me he didn't make it.
1254309	My 5th grader walked himself in 2 and 3rd grades. He walked his Kg brother last year and continues to this year. I think we will worry more about our youngest (as a 2nd grader next year) walking alone when his brother is in middle school.

1254335	Only allow my child to walk on early out Wednesday because sibling usually napping and hard to pick up in car at that time. Still not comfortable with child riding bike along, usually carpool with another family but she can't on Wednesday because of running club.
1254588	I am more nerves about my child getting hurt or getting picked up by a stranger.
1254592	If we attended our home school I would consider walk/bike to school but there isn't a way for my son to safely cross North Iowa St.
1255584	I would love for my child to walk/bike everyday if another adult or myself was present
1255595	School has a rule no one under 5th can ride or walk home alone
1255631	If it is raining or bitterly cold we will drop them off
1258489	We currently live too far. If we lived closer I might reconsider.
1254583	We walk home together often. Due to safety concerns, we do not let our children walk or bike alone.
1254607	We walk home together often. Due to safety concerns, we do not let our children walk or bike alone.
1255496	She doe snot ever walk alone. It is always in a group.
1254273	Many parents have concerns about the intersection of 29th St. and Kensington. There is a yield sign at 29th St., but many motorists fail to yield to pedestrians at that intersection. A stop sign at 29th would be a step in the right direction towards making that intersection safer for children who are walking to school.
1254283	We don't mind escorting him to and from school as long as he'll let us. But safety is our #1 concern.
1254329	Prairie Park Elem. does no offer before school prog. The route in which most children have to walk is a high traffic intersection at both 25th Terrace and Kensington. This intersection should be a 4 way stop. My child has to cross street 3x to get to school prop.
1254337	With kidnappings, bullying etc that have occurred; not necessarily in this area but in general, I feel safer taking my children to and from school.
1254572	On nice days, we walk as a family. Safety is my main concern, for not allowing them without my assistance.
1254610	25th St Terr and 27th St Terr are just too busy.
1255614	*Time: We are always running late
1254303	Does question 15 really matter?
1255512	The safety of children with them walking next to people houses that they don't know. Their are a lot of unsafe people in this world.
1255519	The intersection at 24th & Harper is what would keep me from allowing my son to walk to school. Years ago, a boy was hit and killed at that intersection.
1255632	We live too far from school for our children to walk or bike to school.
1263364	There are registered sex offenders with in 1 mile of the school according to the KBI website.
1263366	There are registered sex offenders with in 1 mile of school according to the KBI website
1254594	feels safe but I don't feel comfortable letting my child walk alone until she's older
1254301	I would feel comfortable letting my child bike/walk to school with a group of children and adults. Not before 5th grade.