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Students Across Alameda County to Participate in Global Event 'International Walk and Roll to School Day'

More than 100 schools in Alameda County will encourage students to join others around the world to kick off the school year with active and shared transportation choices

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – Students throughout Alameda County are preparing for [International Walk and Roll to School Day 2026](#) on October 7th. The annual global event encourages students to walk, bike, roll, scoot, skate, use mobility devices, ride the bus or carpool to reduce traffic, further safety, advance air quality, and provide a fun opportunity to exercise.

International Walk and Roll to School Day is one of many events the [Alameda County Transportation Commission's](#) (Alameda CTC) [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\) Program](#) hosts annually to promote active and shared commutes to school. This school year also marks the 20th anniversary of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program, which has helped generations of students and families explore safe, healthy ways to get to school. Students of all ages, caregivers, and school faculty and staff are encouraged to walk or roll to school. Those who live greater distances from school can participate by trying transit, coordinating a carpool, or parking a few blocks away and walking to school together.

"For two decades, Safe Routes to Schools has helped Alameda County students get to school safely and build healthy transportation habits," said Tony Tavares, Executive Director of Alameda CTC. "Measure BB helps make that work possible, supporting encouragement events like International Walk and Roll to School Day that give students and families more opportunities to walk, bike, roll, and take transit."

"International Walk and Roll to School Day brings school communities together around transportation choices that can make the trip to school safer, healthier, and more fun," said SR2S Program Manager Denise Turner. "It's a great way for students and families to try a new way of getting to school and to see how their individual choices can contribute to a countywide effort."

On the morning of the event, students report how they got to school by placing a sticker that represents their mode of transportation on their school's International Walk and Roll to School Day mode chart. Participating schools submit their event data to celebrate the number of students who walked, "rolled" (e.g., by bike, skates, scooter, wheelchair, or other mobility devices), took transit, carpooled, or were driven to school. The event data and highlights will be published on the [SR2S website](#) by October 30. This experience fosters connections within schools across grade levels, encourages communities to make healthier and environmentally cleaner transportation decisions, and gives students a chance to be part of an effort that reaches beyond Alameda County.

Media can visit the SR2S Program's [International Walk and Roll to School Day webpage](#) for more information and follow our 2026 International Walk and Roll to School Day event hashtag, #WalkandRoll26. To engage with the event, all inquiries including requests for in-person attendance should be directed to info@alamedacountysr2s.org.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Governed by a 22-member Commission, Alameda CTC manages the county's one-cent transportation sales tax and serves as the county's congestion management agency. In Fiscal Year 2024-25, the agency carried out \$414 million in transportation improvements that create jobs, enhance mobility, and enrich communities.

Learn about current transportation [projects and programs](#) and learn about [Measure BB](#), which voters passed in November 2014. Visit [Alameda CTC's website](#) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [X](#).

About Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to Schools is a comprehensive and effective approach to getting more kids biking, rolling, and walking safely to school. It provides kids and their parents with skills, encouragement, and inspiration through a range of activities, events, and lessons, while also addressing local pedestrian, bicycle, and personal safety concerns. Operating since 2006, the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is a program of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (alamedactc.org) and is funded in part by Alameda CTC with Alameda County's local Measure BB sales tax, and regional, state, and federal funds, serving more than 300 schools throughout the county. Visit the [Safe Routes to Schools website](#) to learn more, and follow Safe Routes to Schools on [Facebook](#) and [X](#).

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