

Parent Survey Report: One School in One Data Collection Period

School Name: Broken Arrow Elementary School

Set ID: 12172

School Group: Douglas County

Month and Year Collected: October 2014

School Enrollment: 296

Date Report Generated: 11/25/2014

% Range of Students Involved in SRTS: Not Applicable

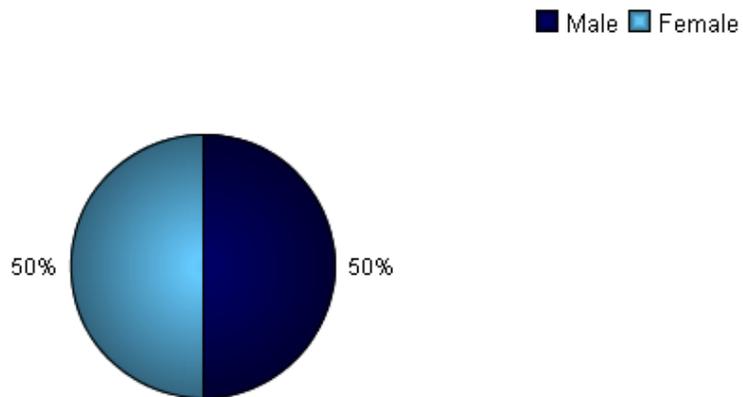
Tags:

Number of Questionnaires Distributed: 0

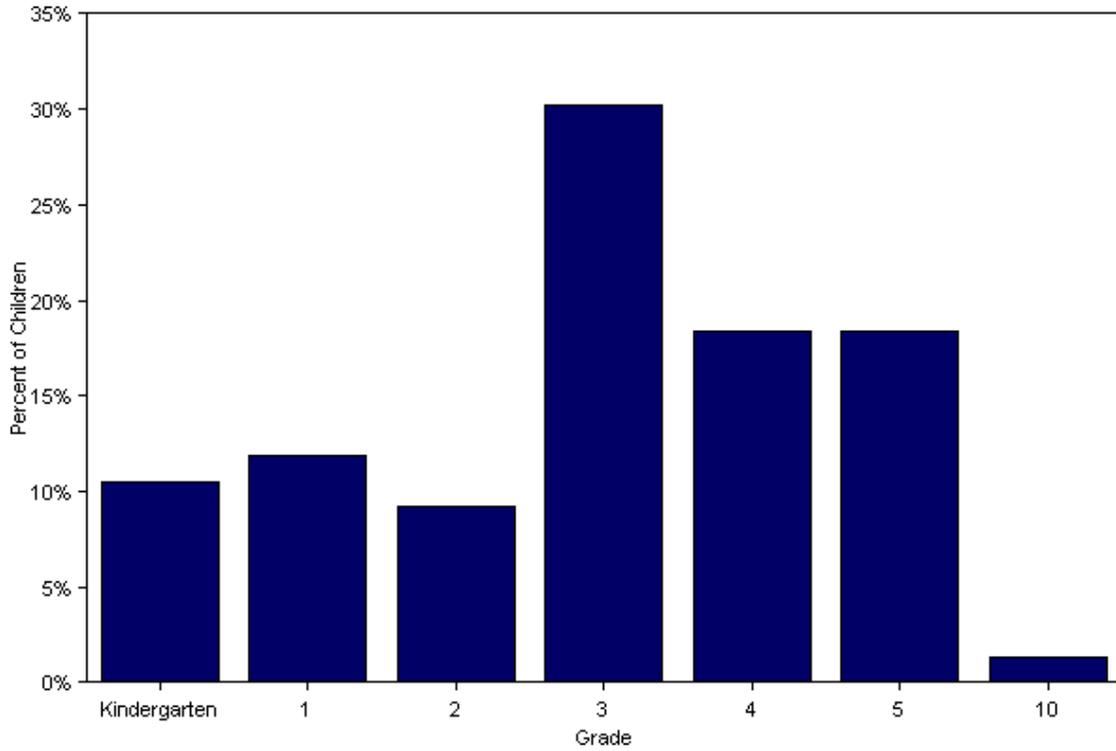
Number of Questionnaires Analyzed for Report: 76

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



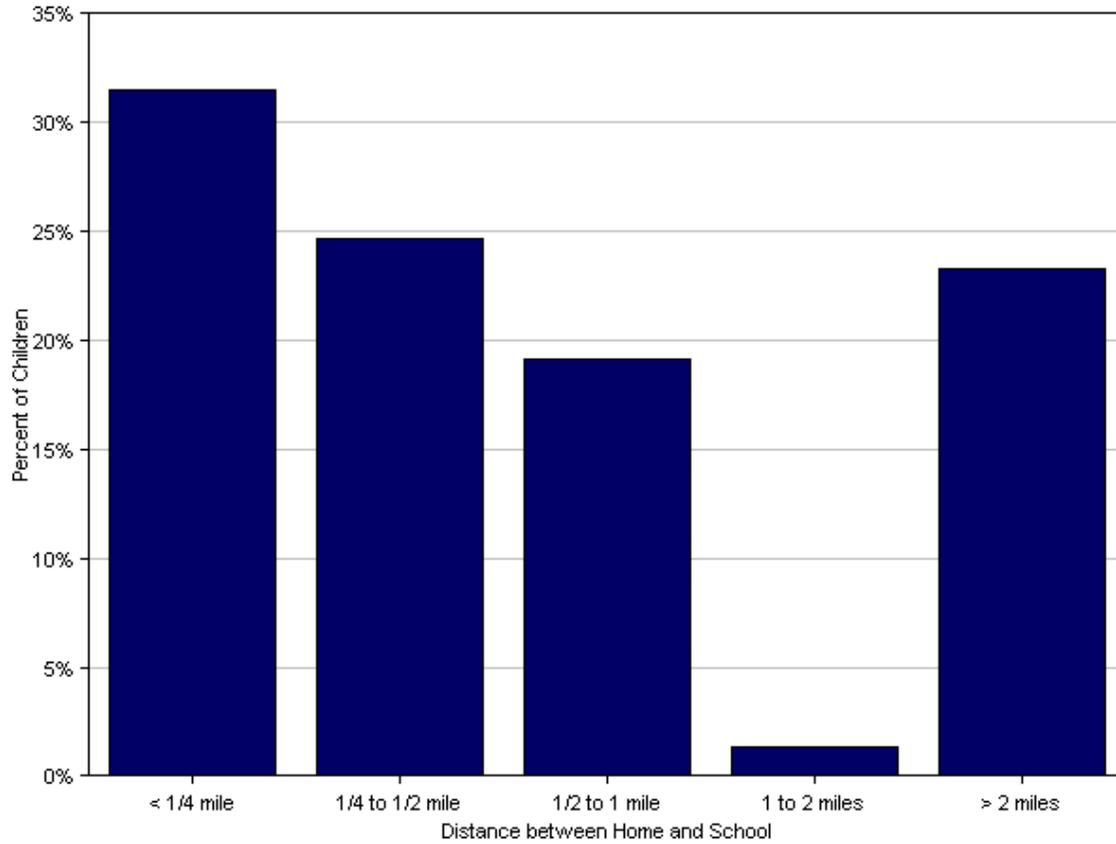
Grade levels of children represented in survey

Grade in School	Responses per grade	
	Number	Percent
Kindergarten	8	11%
1	9	12%
2	7	9%
3	23	30%
4	14	18%
5	14	18%
10	1	1%

No response: 0

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school



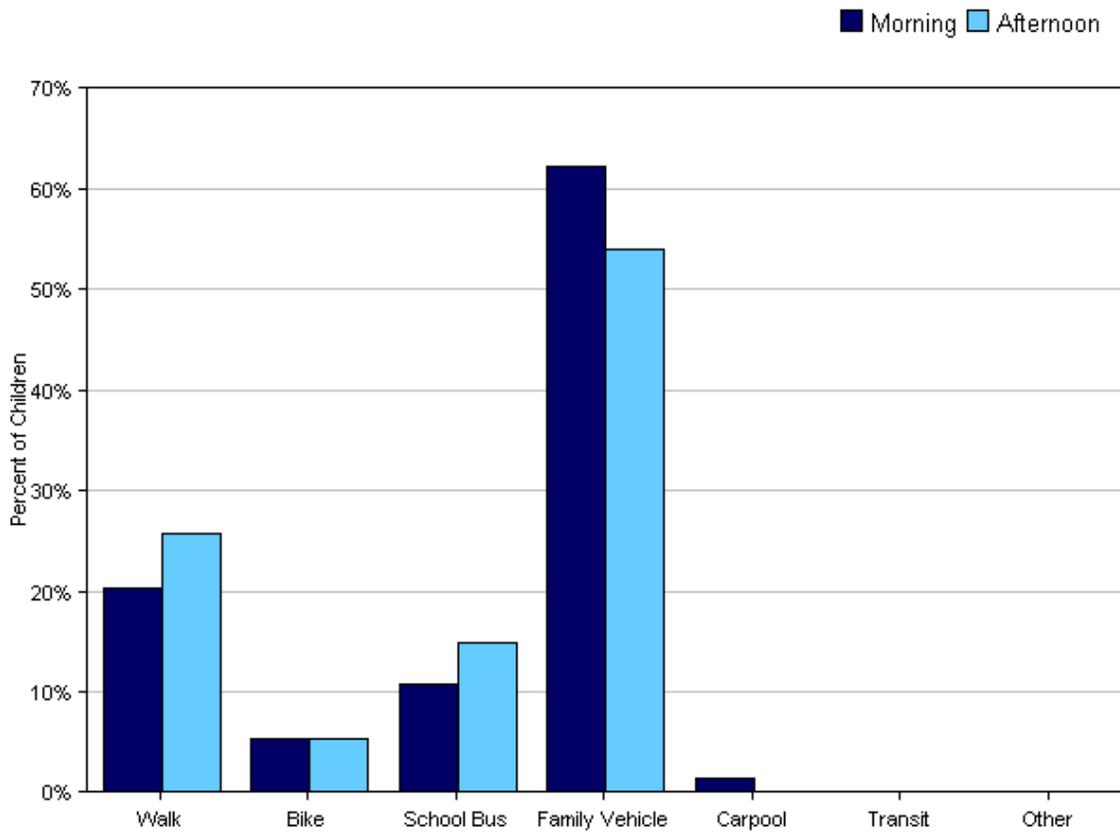
Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

Distance between home and school	Number of children	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	23	32%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	18	25%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	14	19%
1 mile up to 2 miles	1	1%
More than 2 miles	17	23%

Don't know or No response: 3

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school



Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school

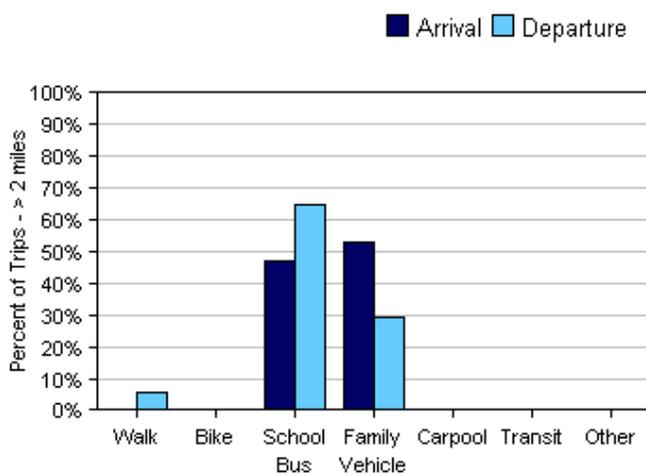
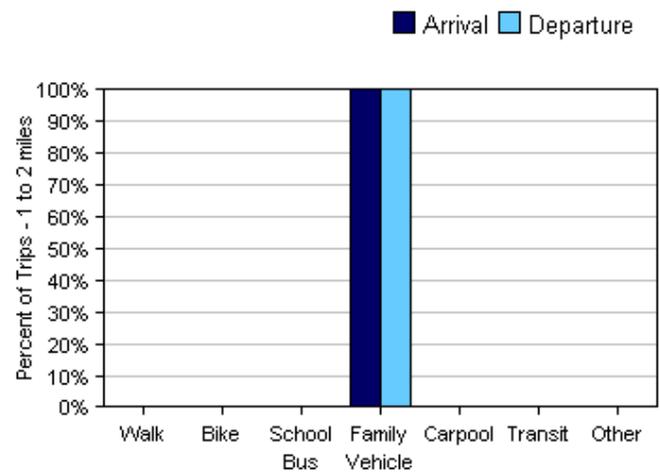
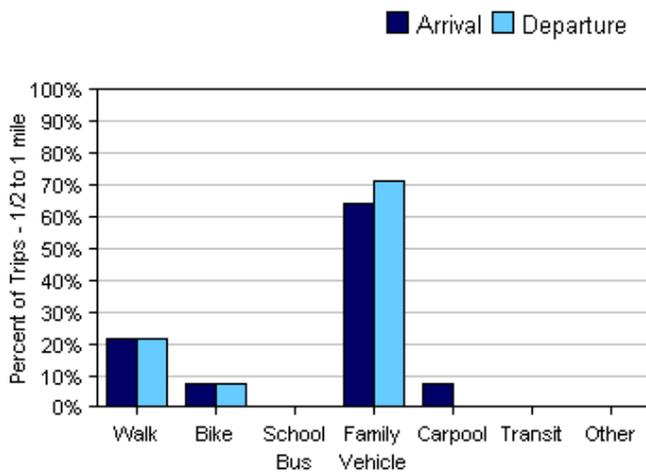
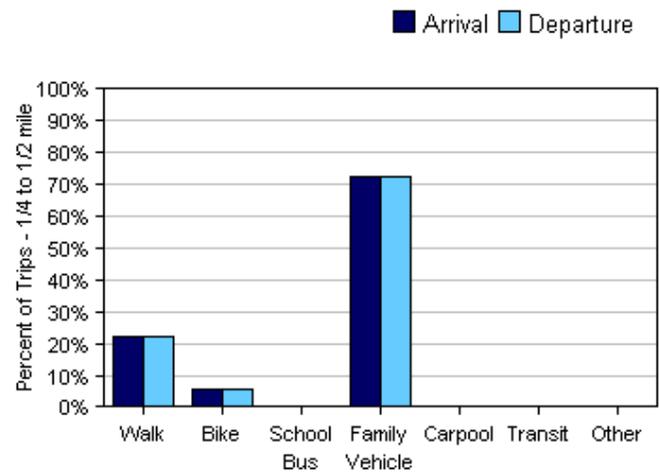
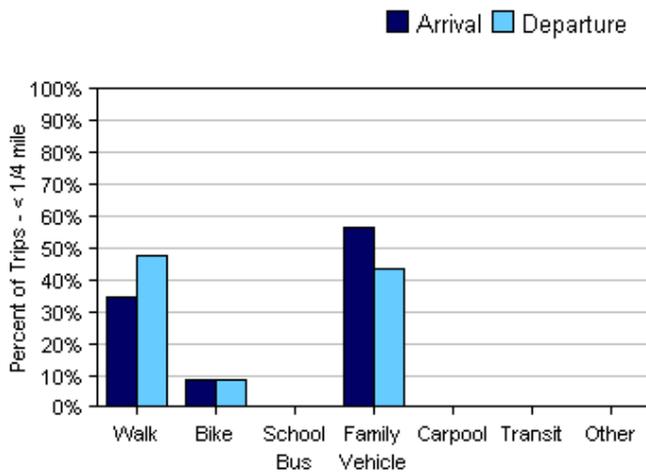
Time of Trip	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	74	20%	5%	11%	62%	1%	0%	0%
Afternoon	74	26%	5%	15%	54%	0%	0%	0%

No Response Morning: 2

No Response Afternoon: 2

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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	23	35%	9%	0%	57%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	18	22%	6%	0%	72%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	14	21%	7%	0%	64%	7%	0%	0%
1 mile up to 2 miles	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	17	0%	0%	47%	53%	0%	0%	0%

Don't know or No response: 3

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

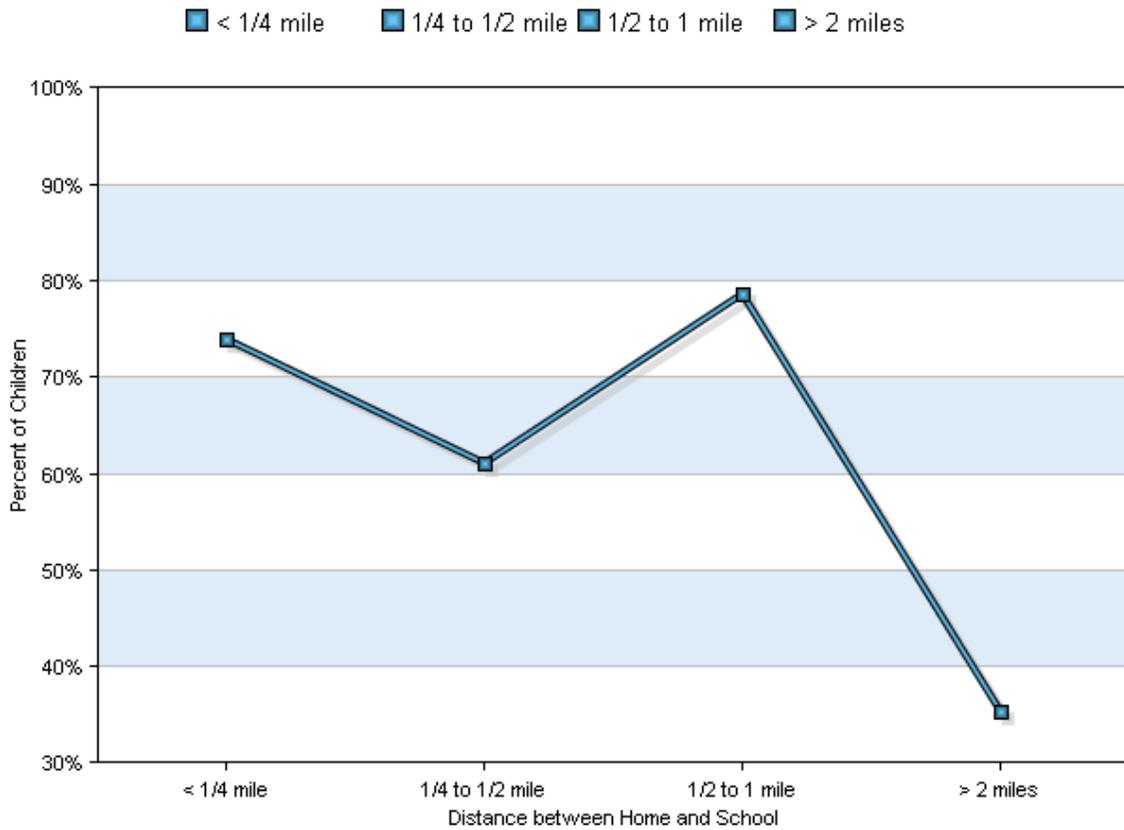
School Departure

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	23	48%	9%	0%	43%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	18	22%	6%	0%	72%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	14	21%	7%	0%	71%	0%	0%	0%
1 mile up to 2 miles	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	17	6%	0%	65%	29%	0%	0%	0%

Don't know or No response: 3

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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

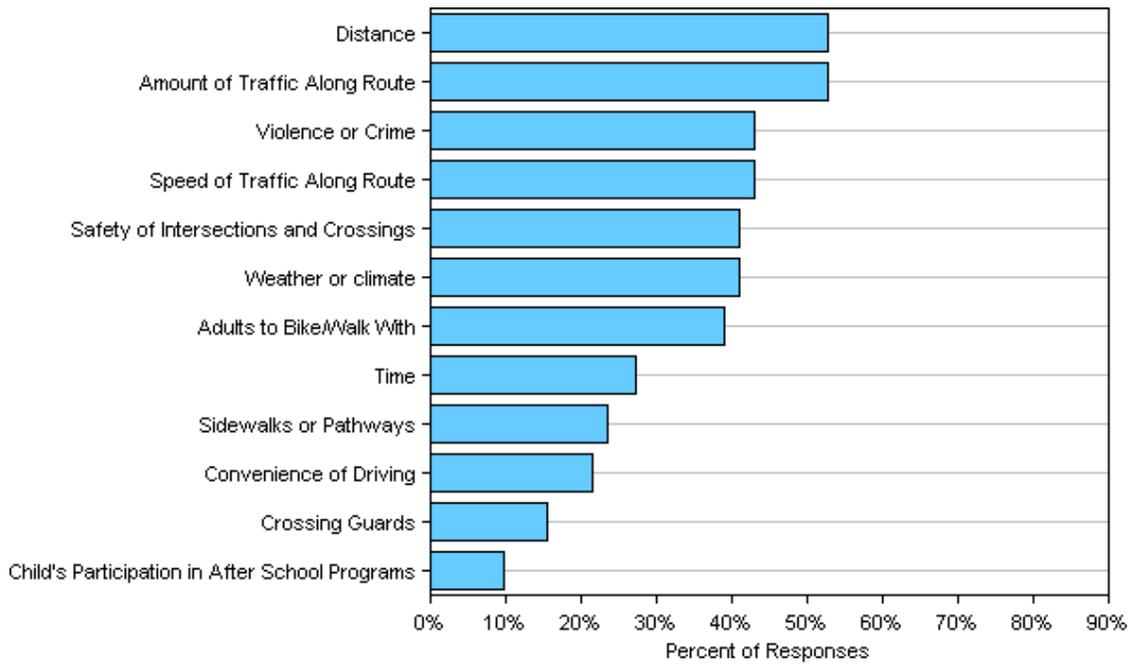


Percent of children who have asked for permission to walk or bike to/from school by distance they live from school

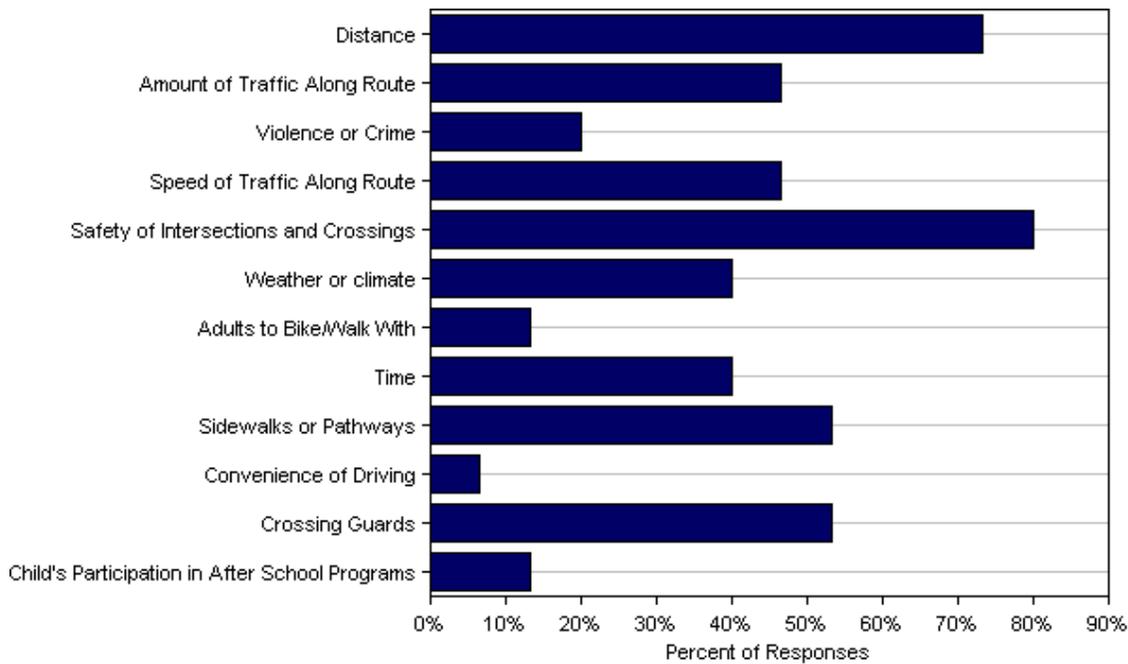
Asked Permission?	Number of Children	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Yes	45	74%	61%	79%	0%	35%
No	28	26%	39%	21%	100%	65%

Don't know or No response: 3
 Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

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

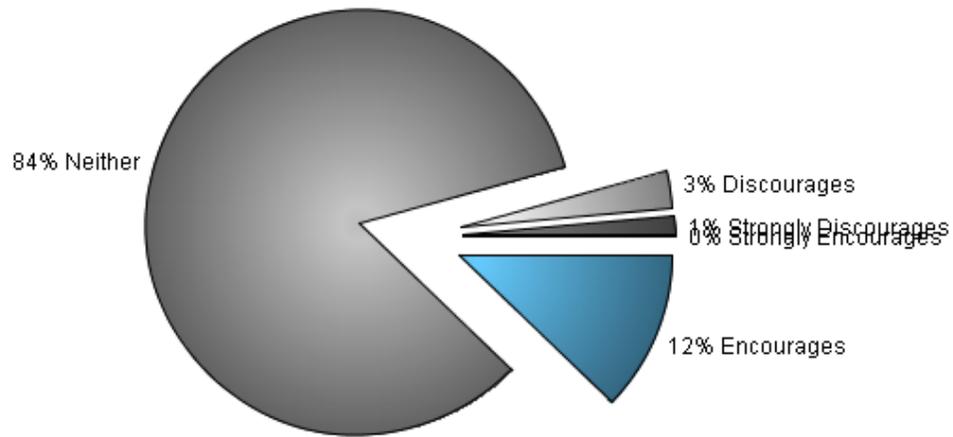
Issue	Child does not walk/bike to school	Child walks/bikes to school
Distance	53%	73%
Amount of Traffic Along Route	53%	47%
Violence or Crime	43%	20%
Speed of Traffic Along Route	43%	47%
Safety of Intersections and Crossings	41%	80%
Weather or climate	41%	40%
Adults to Bike/Walk With	39%	13%
Time	27%	40%
Sidewalks or Pathways	24%	53%
Convenience of Driving	22%	7%
Crossing Guards	16%	53%
Child's Participation in After School Programs	10%	13%
Number of Respondents per Category	51	15

No response: 10

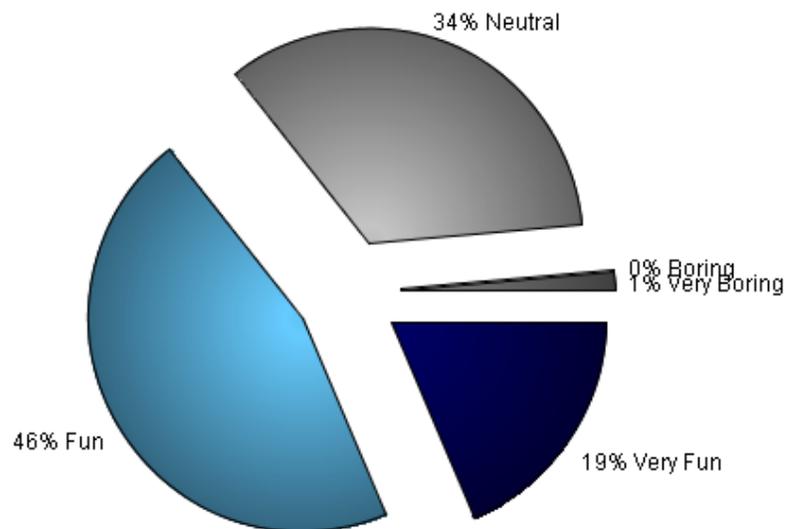
Note:

- 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.

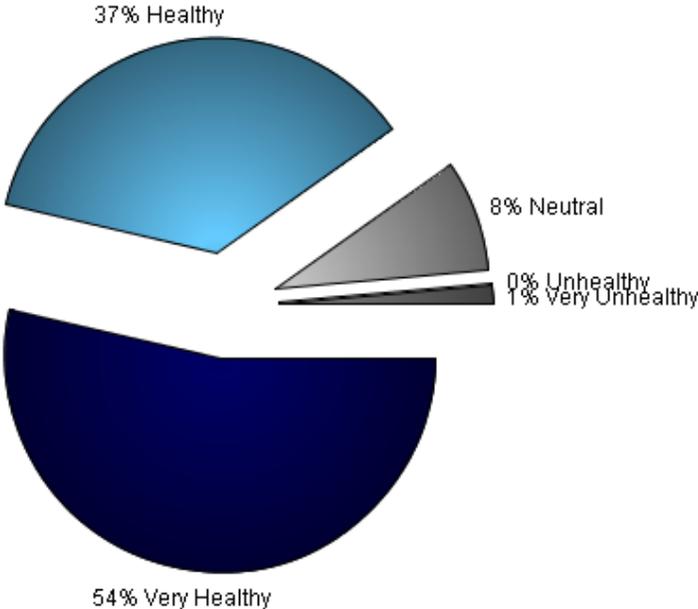
Parents' opinions about how much their child's school encourages or discourages walking and biking to/from school



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
1252168	The school crossing at Belle Haven and 27th Street is a nightmare. Traffic moves too fast, and 95 percent of the drivers will not stop at the crossing. It is my hope that when the construction on 23rd & Iowa, and 31st Street is over that 27th Street will be safe again. I'm not optimistic. We need police presence everyday after school to get drivers to slow down and obey the crosswalk. The sidewalk addition on the North side of 27th was a nice touch, but getting the kids to change their habits is tough.
1252195	A second grader should be allowed to ride their bike to school.
1252229	My children do walk/bike with my supervision due to the amount of traffic on 27th street. Drivers neglect to stop or slow down in the school zone daily. They can use the 27th/Louisiana crossing with a guard during a certain time. However if they are late getting to her (after 3:30 pm) she will be gone to another school.
1252279	When you hear about 13 yr olds + getting taken in Kansas City while waiting for the bus, it's hard to let my 3rd grader walk when it's just 3 mins out of my day to know she has arrived safely. The fear of something happening to her is my main reason for driving.
1252293	My child would be fine until having to cross Kensington. There is no crossing guard and it's a very busy intersection. That's why we won't send her alone.
1252402	I don't allow my 9 year old to walk to school if she is alone. If she were with another child or children I would allow it.
1252413	we live outside city limits so walking is not an option. however it take the bus 40min to drop off my children when we live only 3.5miles away.
1252160	I am very over protected over my kids and especially at the age of 8 its hard to let me let them. I guess it puts my mind at ease knowing that i see he gets in the doors safely.
1252163	Well kudos to you for doing this survey. I would let my child walk alone in maybe 5th or 6th grade, not sure. The things I worry about are mainly traffic- too much of it and going too fast and a bit less about people such as the sex offender who lives 2 houses away. I would arrange for my child to walk with at least one other child when we are ready to let them walk w/out an adult. If less people drove, it would be safer for those riding bikes and walking.
1252171	The main reason they don't walk is lack of a sidewalk on Montana and parkhill. They have to walk in the street. Also a lot of traffic cuts through the neighborhood at an unsafe speed. We have complained to the city multiple times and asked for speedbumps at the corner or parkhill terrace and montana but the have failed to act.
1252181	If we lived in town, I would let my kids walk
1252196	We have requested assistance with traffic control from the city multiple times without response. We have witnessed several close calls with both pedestrians and bicyclists. The only time our children walk to school is if a parent or older sibling can accompany. Sidewalks, speed bumps, and/or warning signs would all be a welcome change!
1252263	I would feel comfortable letting my child walk to school if there were a group of kids his age or older walking together
1252268	The rule is not to allow kids to walk/bike by themselves until third grade. Maybe if there was a walk-pool in our neighborhood. But I need my vehicle, so I drop the kid off on the way to work.
1252315	I enjoy dropping off and picking up my child from school. We meet friends and talk with Teachers about our day. As a parent volunteer being at school daily helps me stay involved with the school and get to know the parents better.
1252363	I would be scared of something bad happening to my child all though it looks safe with other kids I see. Maybe if they walked with a buddy system.

1252499	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 choose 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 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
1252185	I do not allow my child to walk to school alone, because I think it is a less vulnerable target to criminals. We walk to school because is near and do not need the use of a car
1252206	Most of the questions I assumed meant walking/biking to school without an adult, since there was one question specifically asking how old our children would have to be to be allowed to walk/bike without an adult. I hope I understood that correctly. We definitely enjoy walking to school or home from school when the weather and time allows, and we feel safe when we do so. I just don't feel comfortable sending my children off without supervision, especially when we hear so many stories of abductions.
1252167	Had the decision been made to keep Wakarusa Elementary School open, many things would have been better for our children. That school was a source of safety and security and was built on a genuine sense of community.
1252172	He has wanted to walk home by himself for more than a year. I let him because I know I will be home from work at about the same time. If no one can be home, he has to go to boys and girls club.
1252221	Our child walks because I can see him walk from our door to the school door except when in tunnel. 27th is very busy - So crossing gaurd also big reason. They are wonderful. He would not walk in first grade unless all of these things were in place. Also - his teacher Mrs. **** is wonderful and helped and encouraged him at first when he was still unsure of the freedom. She is a wonderful teacher we are very lucky.
1252404	My son attends Praire Park and is not eligible to ride the school bus but we have no car that is working right n ow and the weather is going to be getting colder. It would be nice if he was allowed to ride the bus to and from school.
1252409	Our children are too young to walk to school and the school doesn't allow very young kids to bike which I think is appropriate. When our kids are older we may allow them to walk if it were safe.
1252414	School district needs to really look into routes students have to take to school if living less then 2.5 miles from school. I have walked my child to school and was crossing the crosswalk while crossing guard present and driver almost ran the school zone. Too close for comfort. Area has too many intersections with no Stop signs. Yield signs don't slow drivers down enough.
1252688	I was very comfortable with my student walking/biking to school last year, but with the construction this year it is very dangerous to cross the street (27th) with all the new traffic. Though they still do walk/bike I am much more worried about their safety now.
1252153	I do have a concern and wasn't sure who I could talk to but I feel that the speed limit sign should flash a while long in the area it stop at 3:15 pm I believe and the children get out at 3:10 pm their just walking home five minute after and so I hope that this can be adressed or maybe inform us parents on how to adress this thank you!
1252184	This school services a semi rural to very rural community. This survey is a joke... I filled it out just to say that.
1252186	Do not like the tunnel. Rather cross the street.
1252174	We live out in the country....biking/walking is not a safe or practical option for my kiddo.

1252770	Since the school closest to us was closed (Wakarusa Valley) there is no way for my children to walk or bike to/from school. While I think that is a healthy way for kids to get to/from school, it also worries me when I drive along the school route and see fairly young children walking or biking alone. If you are going to encourage this mode of transportation you should provide additional "safety volunteers" along main routes to schools.
1252178	Child has special needs so walking to school is not an option.