

# Student Travel Tally



The Student Travel Tally is a quick, in-class survey that provides valuable information on student travel patterns. Collecting tallies on an annual basis is a great way to track the impact of your SRTS program.

Here's the way to do it:

✓ Identify a coordinator

✓ Set the dates

- Travel Tallies should be completed annually.
- Georgia Travel Tally Week is the first week in November, but tallies may be completed at any point in the school year.
- Collecting tallies at the same time of year every year makes the results easier to compare.
- Travel tallies should be collected on two days during the same week, on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
- Notify school staff and your School Outreach Coordinator of the dates.

✓ Survey Students (Day One)

- Distribute the Travel Tally forms to each homeroom teacher.
- Make an announcement the morning of the collection to remind teachers and students that it's SRTS Tally Day! See the sample script at right.
- Teachers ask students how they traveled to school in the morning and how they will travel home from school in the afternoon, and record responses.

✓ Survey Students (Day Two)

- Repeat the procedure outlined for day one.

✓ Collect tallies from teachers.

## Example Morning Announcement

"Good morning! Today is SRTS Tally Day. This is the first/second of two days we'll complete student tallies this week.

Teachers, you have been provided with a Safe Routes to School Student Travel Tally form. Please fill out the information at the top of the form. Put Monday's date, \_\_\_\_\_, in the date field. Please also record today's weather in the far left column. The weather this morning is \_\_\_\_\_. The weather this afternoon will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Students, this survey will ask you how you arrived at school and how you will be going home. The options are: walk, bike, school bus, family car, carpool with other families, city bus/transit, and other (for example skateboards, daycare bus, etc.).

Now take two minutes to complete the survey, teachers.

We'll do this again tomorrow, so keep your Tally form ready. Thank you."

Need Travel Tally forms? Ask your School Outreach Coordinator for copies or download them at:

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/program-tools/evaluation-student-class-travel-tally>.

No need to compile the results yourself. The National Center for Safe Routes to School does it for you. We'll get them to the right place. Send Travel Tally forms to:

GA Safe Routes to School Resource Center  
Attn: SRTS Data  
1000 Abernathy Rd., NE, Suite 900  
Atlanta, GA 30328

Or provide the Tally Forms directly to your SOC.

Please note that Travel Tally forms must be printed on white paper for the National Center to process.

**Got questions? Your School Outreach Coordinator is here to help.**



Want more data to support and grow your Safe Routes program? Survey parents! Get started with your SOC or go online <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/program-tools/evaluation-parent-survey>

