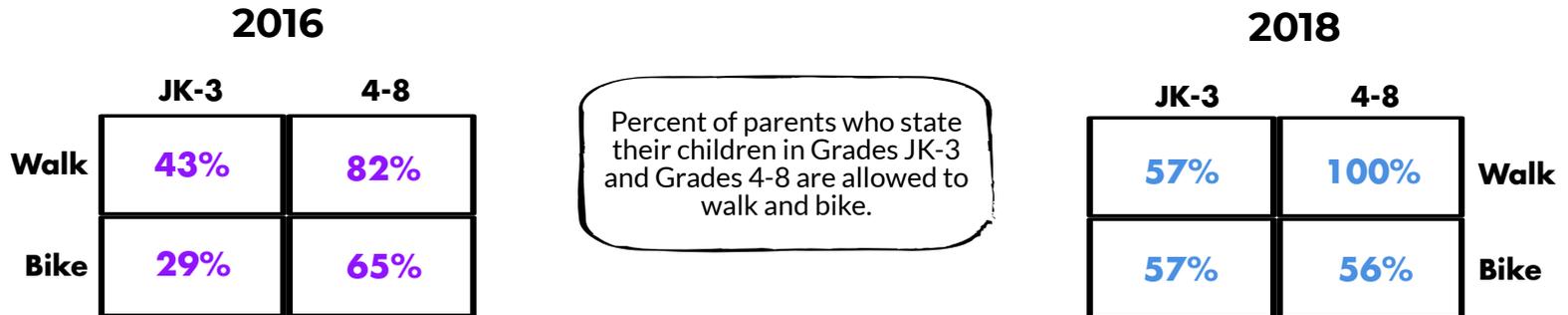


School Template

School Travel Plan Report

This school began a School Travel Plan (STP) in 2016 to encourage more families and students to use active school travel (AST); walking or wheeling to and from school. In Winter 2016, 97 students and 212 parents completed baseline surveys to identify concerns preventing the use of AST. This report highlights the work of your school's STP committee and the survey results from before and after their Action Plan. Follow-up surveys took place in Spring of 2018 and were filled out by 28 students and 39 parents.

Allowed to use AST

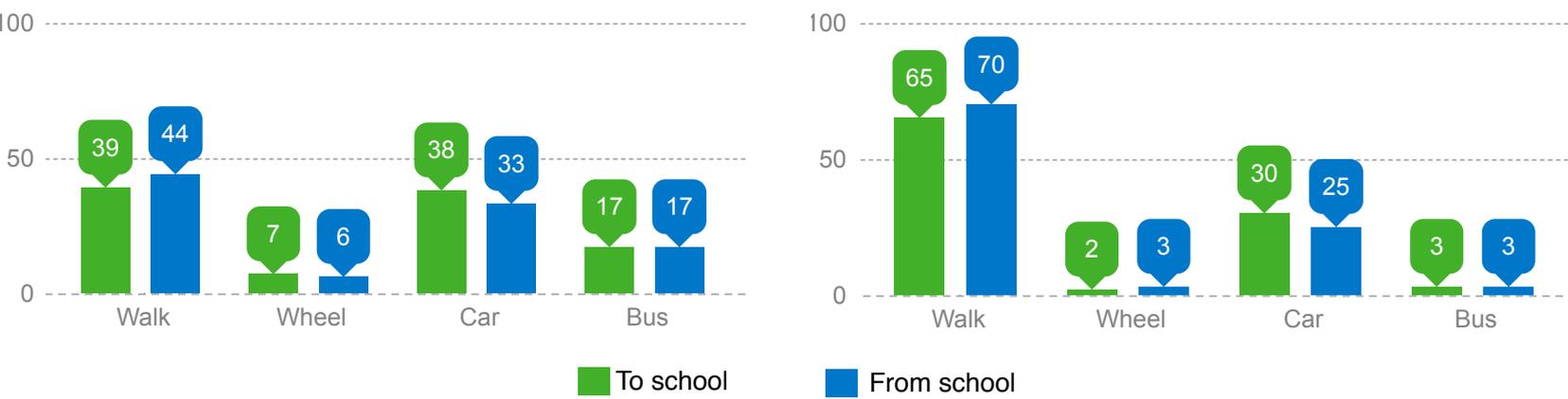


Mode of Travel

We looked at what travel mode students take TO school and home FROM school.

2016

2018



Barriers to AST

2016

2018

Students

- 25% Easier to drive
- 14% Not fun to walk
- 14% Unsafe due to crime
- 13% Route is boring
- 13% No bike storage

Parents

- 50% Easier to drive
- 43% Too young to walk/bike
- 42% Unsafe due to traffic
- 34% Don't have cycling skills
- 33% Too many busy streets to cross

To encourage more families to use AST, we need to know about the barriers preventing their use of AST.

These are the top 5 barriers for parents and Grade 4-8 students who live within walking distance (<1.6km).

Students

- 43% Easier to drive
- 27% No bike storage
- 26% Not enough bike paths/lanes
- 9% Not enough sidewalks
- 9% Route is boring

Parents

- 52% Don't have cycling skills
- 50% Unsafe due to traffic
- 47% Not enough bike paths/lanes
- 47% Too many busy streets to cross
- 45% Easier to drive



Disclaimer: Due to the before and after surveys being filled out by different parents and students, we cannot draw conclusions that changes from the baseline to follow-up data are either because of, or in spite of, the STP, but can be used to highlight the progress made by the STP committee and a guide for identifying the current state of AST use and safety concerns that can be addressed through the ongoing STP Action Plan at your school.

Barrier Themes

The following barriers were identified as themes through the 2016 data collection (surveys, traffic counts, walkabout) to tackle through the Action Plan.

- Lack of bicycle lanes and/or pathways
- Lack of walking trails and/or sidewalks
- Traffic concerns
- Convenience of driving

Action Plan



Education

- ✓ Kiss and Ride rule education through flyers, e-newsletters, and parent night
- ✓ Awareness campaigns through social media
- ✓ PXO display at parent night
- ✓ PEEP boards (speed signs) posted



Encouragement

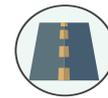
- ✓ Walk to School Competitions
- ✓ Awareness campaigns through announcements and newsletters
- ✓ Wayfinding Signs Scavenger Hunt
- ➔ Drive to 5 Drop Off Zone



Enforcement

- ✓ Increased presence of Commissioners on school property

- ✓ = accomplished
- ➔ = ongoing
- ◆ = on hold



Engineering

- ✓ Painted "No Parking" lines in Kiss and Ride Area
- ✓ No Parking sign installed
- ✓ Improved snow removal on path behind the school
- ✓ Improved the sidewalk
- ✓ PXO installed
- ✓ New Bike Racks
- ✓ Wayfinding signs posted in the neighborhood
- ✓ Improved lighting at the back of the school
- ✓ Closure of school parking lots during dismissal times

SUMMARY

This school has done a very good job with educating and promoting AST as well as implementing engineering initiatives.

STP Facilitator Contact

NEXT STEPS

Future efforts could focus on addressing concerns regarding traffic and lack of bike lanes.

A full power point presentation with 2018 survey results is available from the HEALab at Western through your STP Facilitator (see beside). We encourage use of the full presentation for developing a sustainable STP Action Plan and continuing the great work you've started.

