

Student Travel Tally



The Student Travel Tally is a quick, in-class survey that provides valuable information about 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.
- South Carolina Travel Tally Month is in September, but tallies may be completed at any point in the school year.
- Collecting tallies during the same month each year makes the results easier to compare.
- Travel tallies should be collected for 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 should ask students how they traveled to school in the morning and how they will travel home from school in the afternoon, and record their responses.

✓ Survey Students (Day Two)

- Repeat the procedure outlined for day one.

✓ Collect Tallies from Teachers

✓ Submit your completed Tallies to your School Outreach Coordinator.

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 is expected to 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.).

Teachers, now take two minutes to complete the survey.

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.scsaferoutes.org/files/scsr/public/content/file/76/upload/76.pdf>

No need to compile the results yourself. The South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center does it for you. Contact your local SOC when the tally forms are ready, and they will help get the forms to the right place.

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

QUESTIONS?
We are here to help.

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Safe Routes to School Students Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet

+ CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY – BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY +

School Name: Teacher's First Name: Teacher's Last Name:

Grade: (PK,K,1,2,3...) Monday's Date (Week count was conducted) Number of Students Enrolled in Class:

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- Please conduct these counts **on two of the following three days Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.** (Three days would provide better data if counted)
- **Please do not conduct these counts on Mondays or Fridays.**
- Before asking your students to raise their hands, please read through all possible answer choices so they will know their choices. Each Student may only answer once.
- Ask your students as a group the question "How did you arrive at school today?"
- Then, reread each answer choice and record the number of students that raised their hands for each. **Place just one character or number in each box.**
- Follow the same procedure for the question "How do you plan to leave for home after school?"
- You can conduct the counts once per day but during the count please ask students both the school arrival and departure questions.
- Please conduct this count regardless of weather conditions (i.e., ask these questions on rainy days, too).

Step 1. Fill in the weather conditions and number of students in each class

Step 2. AM – "How did you arrive at school today?" Record the number of hands for each answer.
PM – "How do you plan to leave for home after school?" Record the number of hands for each answer.

Key	Weather		Student Tally		Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
	S= sunny	R= rainy	Number in class when count made		-	-	-	Only with Children from your family	Riding with children from other families	City bus, subway, etc.	Skate-board, scooter, etc.
Sample AM	S	N	2	0	2	3	8	3		3	1
Sample PM		R	1	9	3	3	8	1	2	2	
Tues. AM											
Tues. PM											
Wed. AM											
Wed. PM											
Thurs. AM											
Thurs. PM											

Please list any disruptions to these counts or any unusual travel conditions to/from the school on the days of the tally.

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