



How to Start a Remote Drop-Off Program

Why encourage remote drop-off?

For students who live too far from school to bike or walk, a remote drop off program can bridge the gap. It's an excellent option for students who choose to attend a school that is not near their neighborhood. Participants in this program benefit from increased activity and improved academic readiness and health. The school experiences less congestion and safer perimeters.

Remote drop-off programs can start with a few families meeting regularly to walk from a local park and can be expanded and formalized to include maps with meeting locations and times that are available on a school's website.



Remote drop-off for cars

Busy drop-off and pick-up times are a major concern for most schools as they contribute to student tardiness, safety issues and pollution. Creating a safe and convenient location off school property for parents to drop off and pick up their children can ease the burden of heavy traffic on and around school property.

Remote drop-off for school buses

Discuss a remote drop-off location with your transportation department. A drop-off location that is a safe distance from campus and has an adult volunteer who walks students all the way to campus allows bus riders to participate in and benefit from walking and biking activities.

How do I start a remote drop-off program?

1. Work with community partners to identify appropriate locations and schedules for drop-offs.
2. Work with your community partners to obtain and schedule trusted volunteers to lead the students to campus. If multiple volunteers are present, one can lead a wheeling group while the other leads a walking group.
3. Encourage students to use any method of active transportation they prefer, including bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades and their own two feet.
4. Promote remote drop-off programs through flyers, social media and the school's website.
5. Encourage volunteers to familiarize themselves with walking and biking safety.

Considerations for meet up locations

- Identify a location within a mile of school that has an accessible route to school.
- Ensure there is easy parking, such as a library, park or church.
- Verify with the property owner that the space is available for use at desired times.
- Take time on a weekend to sample routes to and from school to find the quickest and safest route.