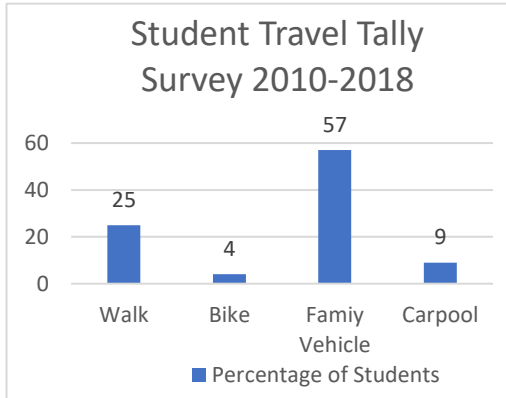


**CALLISON ELEMENTARY**

Vacaville Unified School District | K- 6<sup>th</sup> Grades | 700 Students | Public School



Callison Elementary is the only school in Solano County with a staff-led, daily Walking School Bus that provides adult supervision for students walking to and from school. The program first started in the 2014-2015 school year when then principal, Cathy Bozzini, met with city enforcement and engineering staff to address student safety during school drop-off and pick-up. After deciding to close the school parking lot to cars, Mrs. Bozzini contacted the SR2S Program for help to encourage more students to walk and bike to school and reduce school traffic during these times. The Walking School Bus (WSB) offered a safe alternative to parents who drove their children to school by giving them an option for their children to try walking instead. Using school site funds, existing school staff were paid to meet students at three locations and supervise them walking to and from school daily. These routes ranged in length from ¼ to ¾ of a mile.

Since then, the WSB has become an integral part of the school's culture and is a big help for families who need to get their children to school safely without having to drive them. Eric Mauldin, who leads a group averaging 10-12 students daily, said several students have grandparents who are responsible for getting them to school. They like the WSB because it gives them peace of mind knowing that their grandchildren will arrive at school safely. Also, many families have children at different schools, and say that having their Callison students walk with the WSB relieves some of the burden of dropping off at each school. Now in its sixth year, WSB has two routes led by school staff, who walk students to and from school daily, rain or shine.

Callison's other notable participation in the SR2S Program includes: five International Walk to School Day and four Bike to School Day events (and a Bike to School Week in 2019), a bike rodeo, student travel surveys, SR2S poster contest, and the "Rock the Block" safety assembly.



**Participation by School Year**

**2010-2014**

- Student Travel Surveys (Fall 2010)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring 2011, 2012)
- Bike Rodeo

**2014-2015**

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- SR2S Poster Contest
- Walking School Bus Launch

**2015-2016**

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Walking School Bus

**2016-2017**

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)
- Walking School Bus

**2017-2018**

- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Walking School Bus

**2018-2019**

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Bike to School Week
- Rock the Block Safety Assembly
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)
- Walking School Bus

**2019-2020**

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Walking School Bus