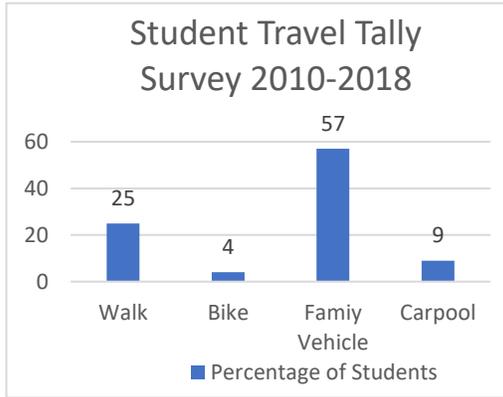


CALLISON ELEMENTARY

Vacaville Unified School District | K- 6th 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



Callison Walking School Bus

Taking steps to a safer option for students to walk to school

Callison Elementary is the only school in Solano County with a daily Walking School Bus (WSB) program that gets students to and from school safely.



2014-15 school year

- Callison launches a daily staff-led WSB with 3 routes.
- Departing from a volunteer model, the school uses site funding to pay yard duty staff to lead WSB routes before and after school.
- Staff leaders provide consistency and familiarity for parents/students, making WSB participation more likely.



2018-19 school year

- WSB goes on hiatus in spring 2018.
- SR2S works w/VUSD, school administration, and the school PTO to provide funding for a pilot WSB program to enable school staff to continue leading routes.



2013-14 school year



- Due to traffic and student safety concerns, the school decides to close its parking lot beginning in the 2014-15 school year.
- Principal contacts SR2S about starting a Walking School Bus (WSB) program to reduce traffic and give parents a safe option for students to walk to school.

2016-17 school year



- WSB has become part of school culture and is popular with the school community.
- Site funding no longer available to pay staff, who then volunteer to lead 1WSB route daily, rain or shine.

2019-20 school year



- WSB resumes in Jan. 2019 with 2 daily staff-led routes.
- SR2S extends funding agreement with VUSD for 2019-20 school year to continue WSB pilot.
- WSB continues with 2 daily staff-led routes.
- Callison is the only school to have a daily WSB program in Solano County.