



Cupertino Safe Routes to School
High School Representative Application
for School Year 2023-24

Due Date: April 30, 2023

Email to: saferoutes@cupertino.org

What is Safe Routes to School? Safe Routes to School is an international initiative targeted at improving the health and well-being of youth by increasing the number of students who walk, bike, carpool, or take transit to school. It is carried out through a process that combines education, encouragement events, and infrastructure changes to remove barriers that get in the way of people traveling actively to and from school. *Cupertino Safe Routes to School (SR2S)* is led and funded by the City of Cupertino and focuses on all public schools within Cupertino and the students that attend them. The City works with its partners to implement Safe Routes to School programs.

Why Students? Cupertino SR2S recognizes that once students move into high school, they become the real change-makers on their campuses. Safe Routes to School believes that high school students know their schools and school traffic patterns best and as such are the ideal candidates to join the SR2S program on behalf of their student bodies. **We need students to help us improve safety and accessibility for student pedestrians and cyclists.**

Be Part of the Solution! We are looking for students who are passionate about either bicycling, healthy lifestyles, safe transportation, environmentally sustainable transportation, accessibility, and/or campus safety to become a part of our Safe Routes to School Working Group. This working group meets once per month throughout the school year. It is composed of City staff, parents, school administrators, district administrators, community liaisons, and students. Together this Working Group co-creates the Cupertino Safe Routes to School program, coming up with education, encouragement, and engineering elements to improve access for safe walking and biking for students. **Students need NOT be a resident of Cupertino. They just need to attend one of the three high schools inside Cupertino city limits: Monta Vista High, Cupertino High, or Homestead High.**

Organize for Change: If you are chosen as your high school's SR2S representative, you will bring your own ideas for improving safety, accessibility, and traffic reduction to the Working Group meetings. You will also be given the opportunity to work with the other student representative from your school to apply for a \$500 annual grant from the City of Cupertino in order to organize SR2S programming at your school.

Commitments: By becoming part of this group, you commit to:

- 1) Contribute your perspective at the SR2S Working Group meetings.
- 2) Work with the other High School Representative at your school to apply for the SR2S High School Grant and implement SR2S programming at your school.
- 3) During the last Working Group meeting of next school year, report on the SR2S programming you implemented at your high school. This is currently scheduled for May 29, 2024. We will revisit that date next school year to make sure it will work as a presentation date for HS Reps.
- 4) Attend 11 meetings to the best of your ability (all listed in the table on the next page):
 - a. The last Working Group meeting of this current school year is on May 31, 2023. At this meeting you will meet the rest of the Working Group, including the current year's High



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School Representatives. They will present the SR2S programming they implemented at their schools this year, which we hope you find inspiring!

- b. There will be 10 SR2S Working Group meetings in the 2023-24 school year.

SR2S Working Group Tentative Meeting Dates

All meetings are held 4-5 PM either on Zoom or at Cupertino City Hall, typically on the 2nd Wed of each school month. Note: we do not meet in December or July. All meeting dates are listed below.

- May 31, 2023
- August 23, 2023
- September 13, 2023
- October 11, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- January 10, 2024

- February 14, 2024
- March 13, 2024
- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024
- May 29, 2024

Full Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Email: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Cell Phone: _____

Education: What grade are you entering in Fall 2023? ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

Name of High School: _____

must be a student at Cupertino High School, Homestead High School, or Monta Vista High School

Where did you hear about this application: ☐ SR2S ☐ The Scene ☐ School ☐ Word ☐ Other:
Newsletter (Cupertino Newsletter) of Mouth



Supplemental Questions

Please answer the following questions:

1. What experience do you have with walking, biking, carpooling, and/or taking transit to school, or with getting around by wheelchair?
2. Why are you interested in the Cupertino Safe Routes to School program?



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In case of emergency please contact:

Name:

Relationship:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

Statement of Commitment

I _____, agree to attend and participate in Cupertino Safe Routes to School Working Group meetings to the best of my ability. I understand that it is my duty to relay information back to my school's student body and to actively work on projects in support of Cupertino SR2S.

Signature

Date

Signature of parent or guardian if under the age of 18

Date

To apply, email application and Supplemental Questionnaire to: saferoutes@cupertino.org

or mail to:

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For more information about Cupertino SR2S, visit: www.cupertino.org/saferoutes.

For specific questions regarding this program or this application, email the SR2S team at SafeRoutes@Cupertino.org.

We hope you will apply!