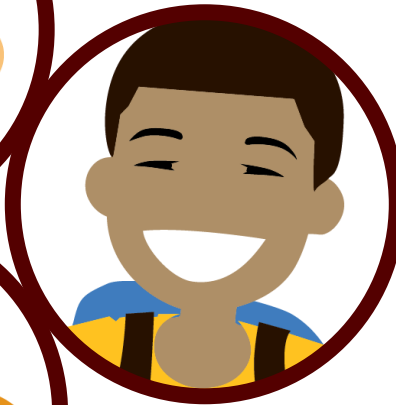
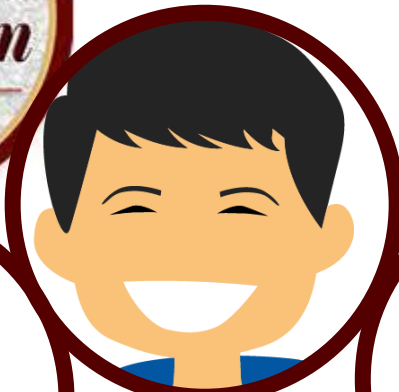


# Edgerton Local Schools

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

January 11, 2022

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# Edgerton

LOCAL SCHOOLS

EDGERTON VILLAGE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN



# SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN OVERVIEW

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# SECTION 1: EDGERTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 1A. Target Schools:

The local school district, Edgerton Local School District, operates K-12<sup>th</sup> grade out of a single school building. This School Travel Plan targets that building.

School District	School Name	School Address	Grades served
Edgerton Local School District	Edgerton Local Schools	111 E River Street Edgerton, OH 43517	Pre-K - 12

## Edgerton Local School District 2019-2020

School	Average Daily Student Enrollment	Black, non-Hispanic	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	White, non-Hispanic	Economic Disadvantage	Limited English Proficient	Students with Disabilities	Migrant
Edgerton Local Schools	535	NC	NC	NC	34	18	473	182	NC	50	NC

*If Enrollment is less than 10, results are Not Calculated (NC).*

## 1B. Community Stakeholders and the Safe Routes to School Team:

Our SRTS team includes:

### School Representatives:

Name	Email address	5 E Role:
Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	kriehle@edgerton-ohio.com	Education, Encouragement
Matthew Krill	mkrill@edgertonschools.org	Education, Encouragement

**Community Representatives:**

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Amanda Herman	amanda@edgerton-ohio.com	Encouragement

**Local Government Representatives:**

Name	Email address	5 E Role:
Dawn Fitzcharles, Village Admin.	dawnf@edgerton-ohio.com	Encouragement
Bob Day, Mayor	bdaytyme@msn.com	Encouragement

**Education Representative:**

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Scott Blue, Edgerton Fire Dept.	sblue@edgerton-ohio.com	Enforcement
Renee Whittenberger	rwhittenberger@envdesigngroup.com	Engineering

**Other:**

Name	Email address	5 E Role
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Nick Walters	<a href="mailto:Intern@mvpo.org">Intern@mvpo.org</a>	Evaluation
Chris Hibbett, ODOT District 2	<a href="mailto:Christopher.hibbett@dot.ohio.gov">Christopher.hibbett@dot.ohio.gov</a>	Evaluation

**1C. The lead contact for our Plan is:**

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## SECTION 2: OUR SRTS VISION

### Our SRTS Vision:

The Village of Edgerton Safe Routes to School Team envisions a safe, secure, and connected non-motorized transportation system that will enable kids to walk and bike to school. The Team aims to:

- Improve infrastructure to support students who choose to walk or bike to school;
- Create new infrastructure to make student travel safer and less hazardous;
- Enhance the overall safety of walkers and bicyclists;
- Create interest in walking and biking by involving students in activities and campaigns for increasing non-motorized travel;
- Ensure progress of Safe Routes to School Program by using annual evaluations and expanding partnerships.

## SECTION 3: CURRENT STUDENT TRAVEL

### 3A. How many students live within walking and bicycling distance of school?

Distance From School	Number of Students	% of Student Body
Within 1/4 mile of school	46	7.6%
Within 1/2 mile of school	140	23.1%
Within 1 mile of school	239	39.4%
Within 2 miles of school	289	47.7%

*Distances are cumulative; meaning that “within 1/2 mile of school” would include students within ¼ mile as well.*

**Mapping student addresses.** See Appendix A for a map showing the school attendance boundary, school site, and dots indicating where students live.

### 3B. How many students are currently walking and bicycling to school? What are the primary walking and bicycling routes?

	Walk	Bike	School bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Public Transit	Other
Number of students (morning trips)	31	8	55	137	13	0	0
Number of students (afternoon trips)	45	7	63	115	13	0	0
Primary walking/bicycling routes	State Route 49; West River Street; East River Street; Oak Street; Daniel Street; Gerhart Street.						

*Information on travel modes was collected using ODOT’s Safe Routes to School Student Travel Tally forms.*

### 3C. Are there any school or district policies that impact students walking or bicycling to school?

#### District Bus Policies

**Policy:** Edgerton School District provides transportation for all students who live more than two miles outside the school district.

Students who live more than two miles away must provide their own transportation. It can be inferred that students who live within the two-mile radius will use modes of transportation other than busing. These modes of transportation include walking, biking, family vehicles, or carpooling.

**School Travel Policies:** There are no additional school travel policies related to active transportation.

### 3D. School Arrival and Dismissal Process.

**Do school buses and parent vehicles use the same driveway for arrival and dismissal?**

- Yes, all vehicles use the same driveway.
- No, there are separate driveways for family vehicles and school buses.

**Do all students use the same entrance to the school building in the morning?**

- Yes, all students enter the building at the same location.
- No, students can use different entrances.

There are separate entrances for students who travel to school via bus versus students who walk, bike, or are dropped off by parents. Students who travel to school via bus are dropped off in the back of the school. All other students use the front entrances.

**Are all students released at the same time during dismissal?**

- Yes, all students are released at the same time.
- No, the district uses a staggered release process (walkers are released first, bus riders second, etc.).

**Is school staff involved in either arrival or dismissal?**

- Yes, we have school staff help students enter and exit the campus safely.
- No, school staff is not involved in either arrival or dismissal.

School staff escorts students to sidewalks if they are walking home from school.

**Are there any adult crossing guards located along student walking routes?**

- Yes, there is always at least one adult crossing guard that helps students on their walking routes. They stand at the intersection of State Route 49 and West St.
- No, we do not have any adult crossing guards serving our school.

**Are there police officers that help with arrival or dismissal procedures at this school?**

- Yes, we have at least one police officer helping direct traffic around our school.
- No, we do not have police officers who help direct traffic around the school.

**Are students involved in any arrival or dismissal process (i.e., student safety patrol)?**

- Yes, we have a student safety patrol.
- No, we do not have any students involved in the arrival or dismissal process.

3E. **Parent Attitudes towards walking and biking.** The information below was generated by using the Parent Survey Summary Data Report provided through the ODOT Safe Routes to School program. This information indicates the top five (5) reasons as to why parents decide not to allow their children to walk or bike to school.

Reasons for not allowing children to walk or bicycle to school:
Distance
Amount of traffic along route
Speed of traffic along route
Safety of Intersections and crossings
Sidewalks or pathways

3F. **Safety Issues and Concerns.**

The most cited issue/concern among parents is the distance students would travel if walking/biking to school. The amount/speed of traffic along walking routes is also a primary concern, most notably along SR 49 and US 6. The railroad going through the village is also often cited as a concern for parents. A lack of sidewalks was also often cited along West and East River Street, Daniel Street and Gerhart Street as well as poor sidewalk condition along Oak Street. Traffic from the factory on West River Street coinciding with arrival/dismissal times was also a notable concern from parents.

**Relevant traffic crashes.** The SRTS Team studied crash data reports recorded within two (2) miles of the school from the previous five (5) years. The data below summarizes the results of the research.

There were 2 pedestrian crashes within the STP study area.  
 The crashes resulted in 0 pedestrian fatalities.  
 There were 1 bicycle-related crashes within the STP study area.  
 The crashes resulted in 1 bicyclist fatalities.



3G. **Walking and bicycling encouragement activities at the school.** Edgerton Local Schools does not currently participate in any activities that encourage students to walk or bike to school. However, through this planning process the district has developed encouragement activities to host in the future.

## SECTION 4: KEY ISSUES IMPACTING SAFE WALKING AND BICYCLING TO SCHOOL

This section of the school travel plan summarizes the top five (5) issues impacting students' ability to safely walk or bicycle to your Edgerton Local School District. These details were gathered by the SRTS Committee through public meetings, interviews with school officials, and parent surveys.

Issue/Description
<p>1. Issue: Motorists driving too fast along State Route 49</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SR 49 serves as a pivotal crossing point for students walking/biking to school.</li> <li>• The intersection lacks infrastructure such as pedestrian signals</li> </ul>
<p>2. Issue: Lack of safe crossing conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Around the entire village there are little to no crosswalks, they all have faded and need updated.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Issue: Lack of pedestrian infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of pedestrian infrastructure along West River Street - A sidewalk exists but does not extend more than a couple hundred feet, which is not far enough to reach neighborhoods where students walk and bike to school. Lack of sidewalks and shoulders cause students to walk in neighbors' yards, or on the side of the street.</li> <li>• Lack of pedestrian infrastructure along railroad crossing makes non-motorist crossings unsafe - This has become an increasingly hazardous area with the rise in technology. Many students are seen crossing the street with earbuds in and not paying attention to the railroad crossing. Those on bikes do not slow down when approaching the tracks.</li> <li>• Signage is lacking throughout the entire community. It is either outdated or missing.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Issue: Traffic congestion during school dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buses pull through the same parking lot used for student pick up.</li> <li>• The parking lot is already filled at this hour due to the volume of parents picking up their kids, making this issue of congestion unsafe.</li> <li>• Students are darting in and out of traffic during dismissal</li> </ul>
<p>5. Issue: There are areas in poor condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sidewalk along Oak Street is in poor condition.</li> <li>• There are stairs currently located on the corners of Ash Street and Indiana. These are not inclusive of all pedestrians and need fixed.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 5: RECOMMENDED SRTS COUNTERMEASURES

### 5A. Non-infrastructure Action Plan

#### Strategy #1: Education Countermeasures, Reading Materials/Bike Rodeo

##### Schools: Edgerton Local Schools

	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>1A</b>	<i>Purchasing various educational books and adding them to the school library for various grades that help teach biking</i>	<i>School Librarian, Melinda Cooley</i>	<i>Plan to implement within 6 months of receiving funding.</i>
<b>1B</b>	<i>Setting up a bike rodeo by distributing flyers and newspaper ads</i>	<i>Boy Scouts Troop Leader, Sandra Wood</i>	<i>Plan to implement months prior to June 2023 and finally executing bike rodeo in June, 2023</i>
<b>1C</b>	<i>Purchasing items needed for rodeo, i.e., bike helmets/safety supplies</i>	<i>Boy Scouts Troop Leader, Sandra Wood</i>	<i>Plan to implement months prior to June 2023 and finally executing bike rodeo in June, 2023</i>
<b>1D</b>	<i>Executing bike rodeo</i>	<i>Boy Scouts Troop Leader, Sandra Wood</i>	<i>Plan to implement months prior to June 2023 and finally executing bike rodeo in June, 2023</i>

**Strategy #2: Encouragement Countermeasures, Walk/Bike to School Day**

**Schools: Edgerton Local Schools**

	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>2A</b>	<i>Purchasing various items needed for walk/bike to school day, including banners, a newspaper ad, flyers/handouts, and prizes like pedometers/reflectors</i>	<i>School Resource Officer, Matt Krill</i>	<i>Plan during months leading up to October 2023, and executing walk/bike to school day during October 2023</i>
<b>2B</b>	<i>Executing walk/bike to school day</i>	<i>School Resource Officer, Matt Krill</i>	<i>Plan during months leading up to October 2023, and executing walk/bike to school day during October 2023</i>

**Strategy #3: Enforcement countermeasures, Solar Speed Radar**

**Schools: Edgerton Local Schools**

	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>3A</b>	<i>Purchasing two solar speed signs</i>	<i>Village of Edgerton Administrator, Dawn Fitzcharles</i>	<i>Signs to be bought and installed with 18 months of receiving funding</i>
<b>3B</b>	<i>Installing solar speed signs onto the school zone speed limit signs so that traffic is slowed</i>	<i>Village of Edgerton Administrator, Dawn Fitzcharles</i>	<i>Signs to be bought and installed with 18 months of receiving funding</i>

**Strategy #4: Evaluation Countermeasures, Parent/Student Survey**

**Schools: Edgerton Local Schools**

	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>4A</b>	<i>Conduct a parent/student survey like the one done for this application to determine if SRTS program is working</i>	<i>Maumee Valley Planning Organization, Christina Deehr</i>	<i>This evaluation program will be carried out throughout the 24-month period timeframe of receiving funding</i>

**5B. Infrastructure Countermeasure Recommendations (Table and Map)**

Map ID	Location	Need	Countermeasure	Timeframe	Priority	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source	Status
<p><b>Phase 1: Safe Routes to School Countermeasures.</b></p> <p>(See Appendix B)</p>									
A	Located in the grass lot to the East of the school building.	Currently, the bus, parents, and walkers all use the same parking lot at pick up and drop off times and makes things chaotic. To improve this, there needs to be a separate drive for the buses to enter and exit.	The construction of a new driveway for buses that brings bus traffic out and away from the student walkers and parent pick up and drop off zone.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT SRTS funds	Funding pending
B	At several spots in the front parking lot in front of the school building.	The parking lot at the Edgerton School District is very dangerous. The setup is unclear and there is little direction to the traffic pattern to both pedestrians and drivers. People also drive much faster than necessary through the parking lot.	Install raised pedestrian crosswalks in the school parking lot. This is an effort to slow traffic down in the parking lot and direct pedestrians where to cross.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT SRTS funds	Funding pending
C	Crosswalks will be painted at multiple locations. Such as, Ash St., Daniel St., Oak St., the front of the school building, the driveway to	Pedestrians need clear directions on where to cross when leaving the school and going to the teachers parking lot on the west side of the school campus.	Painting a crosswalk to help direct pedestrians on where to cross and to tell vehicle where to expect to having people crossing.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Low	ODOT SRTS funds	Funding pending

	the west of the campus, and the intersection of MI Ave. And River St.								
D	Located at the front of the school building.	There is not a safe route for students who must cross at the intersection of River St. and MI Ave. and then walk to the school entrance.	Paint a crosswalk in the front of the school so that students have a safe, dedicated space when walking to/from the MI Ave and River St. Intersection.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Low	ODOT SRTS funds	Funding pending
E	Located at the front of the school building.	We need to guide student walkers to the sidewalks and crosswalks coming to and from the school. They have poor judgement and tend to walk and cross wherever.	Planting pedestrian guiding shrubs. This will ensure that students are walking where we want them too and not making shortcuts.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Low	ODOT SRTS funds	Funding pending
F	Located at the front of the school building.	We need to guide student walkers to the sidewalks and crosswalks coming to and from the school. They have poor judgement and tend to walk and cross wherever. In addition, there is existing parking spaces that create terrible blind spots and kids weave in and out of these parked cars when walking to/from school.	Remove the existing pavement and parking spaces to create a space for the pedestrian guiding shrubs described above.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT SRTS	Funding pending
G	Located in front of the school building on the east end of the campus. Also installing new curbs to guide	In order to create a safer space, we had to get rid of existing parking. Therefore, we had to create additional parking in a better, safer place. In addition, we need to rework the areas that cars are	Construct new car parking spaces and enter/exit curbs.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	High	ODOT SRTS, portion of Village Funds	Funding Pending

	cars to enter and exit at the correct spaces.	entering and exiting the parking lots.							
H	Located in the front of the school.	New paint will be needed when the parking lot is improved.	Freshen up the parking spaces with new paint. This is needed for all the other countermeasures.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	High	ODOT SRTS	Funding Pending
I	Located in the grass lot in front of Ash Street.	The sidewalk in the grass lot East of campus is incomplete. It needs to be completed for students to have full access to the crosswalk being proposed in the systemic application.	Construction of new sidewalk to meet sidewalk to the existing sidewalk.	Quickly	High	School District/ Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT SRTS, portion of Village funds	Funding Pending

## Phase 2: Systemic Safety Application Countermeasures.

Map ID	Location	Need	Countermeasure	Timeframe	Priority	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source	Status
J	Intersection of River Street and Oak, Daniel, and Ash St.	Drivers do not pay attention to the turn signals	Grass Growth and Construction of a Curb	Medium	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
K	SE corner of the intersection of River Street and MI Ave.	There have been frequent crashes at this corner.	Removal of parking on Michigan Ave. In front of house and moved to new parking spaces on E. River Street. This house on this corner is a business.	Medium	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Medium	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
L	On Michigan Ave., starting at Michigan Ave./ River St. Intersection continuing South through	The current conditions encourage fast passed movement which creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians and bikers.	The use of paint to create bike lanes and a middle turn lane.	Medium	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Low	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending



	the downtown.								
M	Intersection of River Street and MI Ave	The crossing is extremely dangerous with very little signage or signals to show that the area is heavily trafficked.	Installation of flashing beacons to signal when a person is ready to cross the street.	Medium	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	High	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
	Train Track Crossings	The 2 train track crossings are very dangerous. Bikers and pedestrians are not paying attention to what is going on at the tracks when they cross. They 're also crossing wherever they would like.	Installation of pedestrian crossing gates and fencing. This forces the pedestrians and bikers to use the cross area we designated for them. It also makes them to be aware of their surroundings when they are crossing.	Medium	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	High	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
	North East Corner on Ash and Indiana	There are stairs leading to sidewalks. This is not ADA friendly.	Construction will be completed to level the area and create a slight slope to make sidewalks accessible to all.	Medium	Medium	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	High	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
	Throughout the entire Village.	There is a need for fresh crosswalk paint everywhere throughout the community. There are very few crossings marked which makes is dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers.	Paint new sidewalk crossings.	Quickly	High	Village of Edgerton/ ODOT	Low	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending
	Michigan Ave, downtown	There is support to improve safety for active transportation.	Back up parking to improve visibility.	Quickly	High		Medium	ODOT Systemic Safety Program	Funding Pending

	Michigan Ave, downtown	Infrastructure is needed to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the street in the downtown area on Michigan Ave.	Flashing Beacons.						
Phase 3: Future Transportation Improvements									
Map ID	Location	Need	Countermeasure	Timeframe	Priority	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source	Status
	North West Corner by Ash and Indiana	There were 2 sets of stairs leading to the sidewalk. We fixed the first set in the last phase. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> set needs fixed in this phase.	Construction will be completed to level the area and create a slight slope to make sidewalks accessible to all.	Long Term	Medium	Village of Edgerton	High	Grant funds may become available or the Village may be able to pay for these improvements over time.	No funding is currently available.
	Portions along Elm Street, Ash Street, River Street, Aqua Lane, Riverside Drive, Grand Army Highway, Railroad Street, Labach drive, West Street, Clarksville Rd, Hull St., Lynn St., Stadium Drive	The sidewalk system throughout the Village of Edgerton is incomplete. To give all people access to safe, active transportation opportunities the sidewalk paths need to be complete and connected.	Construction of new sidewalks.	Long Term	Medium	Village of Edgerton	High	Grant funds may become available or the Village may be able to pay for these improvements over time.	No funding is currently available.

## STEP 6: PUBLIC INPUT

\*The appendix includes additional documentation related to public input.

<b>Public Input Process:</b> Safe Routes to School Public Meeting
<b>Date:</b> April 2021
<b>Target Audience:</b> Community members and local government officials
<b>Key Input Received:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learned about the history of the area</li><li>• Gained insight on the major safety concerns that the public has for the area</li><li>• Developed the School Travel Plan vision</li></ul>

<b>Public Input Process:</b> Safe Routes to School Public Meeting
<b>Date:</b> Monday, January 31, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
<b>Target Audience:</b> Community members and local government officials
<b>Key Input Received:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community members and local officials proposed adding infrastructure like bike lanes or curbs touching sidewalks. They also mentioned adding a sidewalk arm for the railroad crossing.</li><li>• Both parties present at the meeting stated the lack of crosswalk paint, and there should be prioritization of at least on sidewalk walk on each side of each street.</li></ul>

<b>Public Input Process:</b> Safe Routes to School Public Meeting
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, February 22, 2022
<b>Target Audience:</b> Government Officials, School Board Members, the Public
<b>Key Input Received:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This was the final meeting discussing the final Safe Routes to School Plan. At this meeting Renee and Maumee Valley Planning Organization presented the final countermeasures.</li><li>• Support was received by all in attendance.</li><li>• The Village Council and School Board pledged their support.</li></ul>

## STEP 7: FINAL PLAN – PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

The Edgerton Safe Routes to School Committee spent many hours collaborating with local agencies and organizations. Together, we have created a robust School Travel Plan that will improve safety for students. Enclosed are pledges of support provided by the following:

- School District Superintendent
- County Commissioners
- Village of Edgerton Mayor
- Village of Edgerton Council (resolution)
- Director of Maumee Valley Planning Organization
- County Health Department
- Regional Mobility Manager
- County Engineer

## APPENDIX:

- A. Student Address Map
- B. Safe Routes to School Countermeasure's Map
- C. Cost Estimate and Budget Breakdown
- D. Public Input Documentation
- E. Pledges of Support