



Oklahoma Fit Kids Coalition
2009 Legislative Agenda to
Reduce Childhood Obesity in Oklahoma

Safe Routes to Schools Program: SB 399 (Sen. Cliff Branan / Rep. T.W. Shannon)
SB 425 (Sen. Connie Johnson)

Goal: To increase physical activity and optimize the health of Oklahoma's school children by:

- Enabling and encouraging children to walk or bike to school, by providing:
 - Ample room to walk or bike, preferable separated from traffic
 - Safe and visible cross walks, traffic controls, crossing guards
 - Installation of "traffic calming" measures
- Facilitating the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities to improve safety and reduce traffic around primary and middle schools.
- Lessening fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools

Note: Safe Routes to Schools is a federally-funded program, administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Federal funding ends in 2009. This legislation creates a revolving fund to accept private foundation funds, and any new federal funds that may become available to sustain the program. No state funds are being requested.

School Health Index: SB 322 (Sen. Clark Jolley) HB 1634 (Rep. Anastasia Pittman)

Goal: To ensure that every school site in Oklahoma has the tools necessary to create a healthy and safe environment for their students by:

- Enhancing the roll of the Healthy and Fit School Advisory committees and facilitating communication with local school boards.
- Mandating the use of the free School Health Index from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assess the campus, create an Action Plan for improvement toward coordinated school health, and provide recommendations to the Principal. Further requires each School Principal to annually report on the Action Plan and the adequate yearly progress made toward their goals to the District Superintendent.

The Fit Kids Coalition also endorses **HB 1530** (Rep. Ann Coody) to require one semester of Health Education in grades 6-8. This item is part of the 2009 Legislative Agenda for Children and Youth promoted by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.

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