



Year School Built
1971

Number of Sections
3

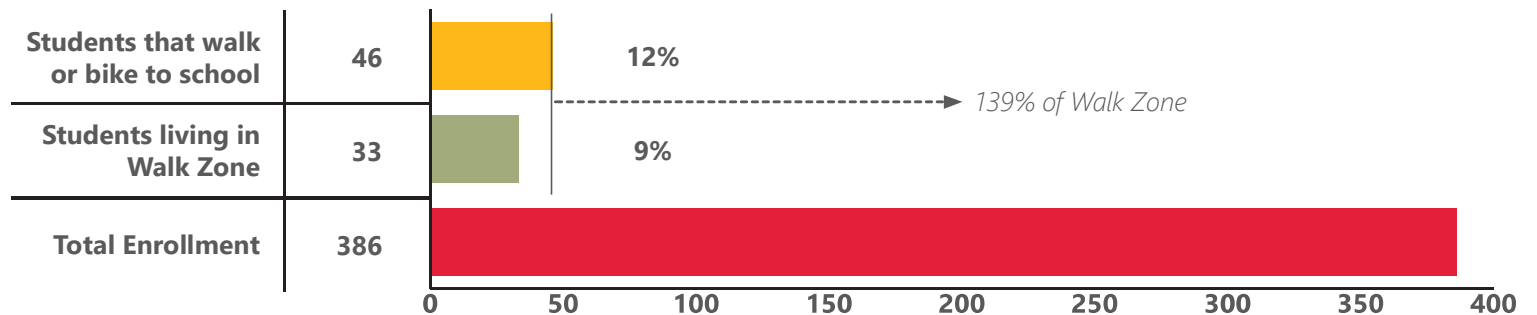
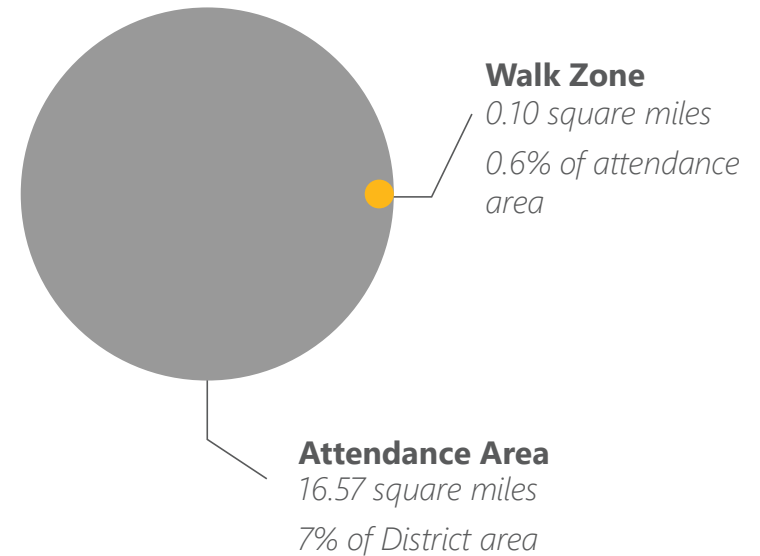
Number of Students
386

Economically Disadvantaged
53%

HALMSTAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The graphic to the right shows the proportion of the walk zone in relation to the size of the attendance area for the school. Halmstad has the second smallest elementary school attendance area and an extremely small walk zone.




The graph below shows the number of students that walk or bike to school, the number of students who live in the walk zone, and total enrollment for the school. Estimates of the number of students that walk or bike to school were taken from classroom tally sheets that were administered to students. With only 33 students living in the walk zone, but 46 walking or biking, Halmstad is a perfect example of how important safe walking and biking corridors are throughout a community, even beyond walk zones.





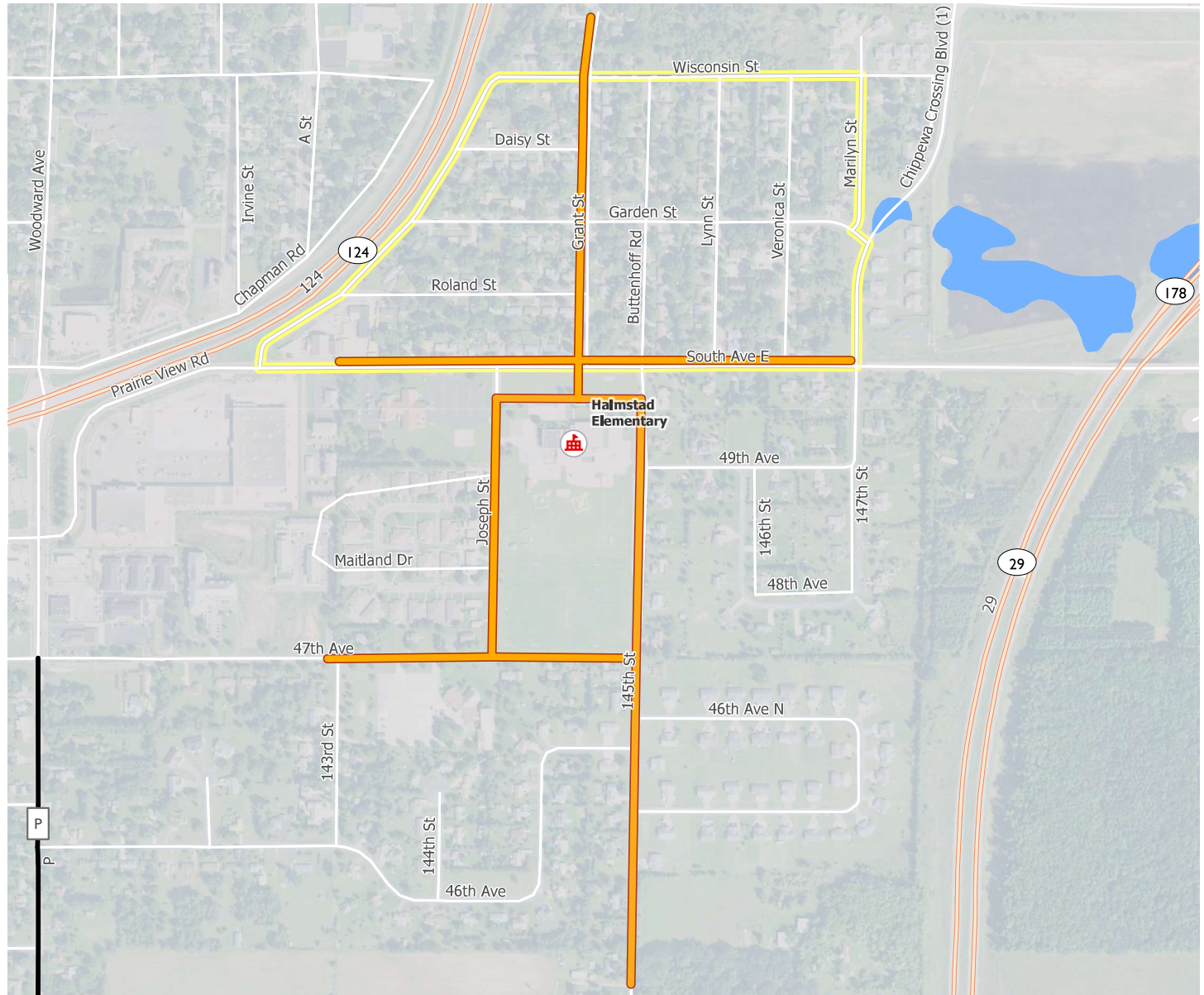
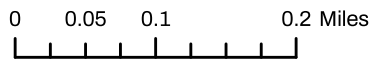
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The map to the right shows the walk zone and designated safe routes for the school.

-  School
-  Walk Zone
-  Safe Routes

January 2021

Data Sources:
WisDOA, WCWRPC,
WISLR, 2017 Aerial Image



Strengths

1. Large area in front of school for bus drop-off.
2. Crosswalks in bus loading zone and on South and Buttenhoff have crossing guards at drop-off and pickup.
3. Dedicated concrete area for bike parking.
4. Solar speed sign helps slow traffic on South.
5. Kids from the neighborhood east of school tend to walk in a group.

Issues

1. There are no sidewalks and only a partial bike path on the school block; none south of the school.
2. Two municipalities with jurisdiction adjacent to school: City of Chippewa Falls to north and west, Village of Lake Hallie to south and east.
3. There are no school zone signs on Joseph.
4. Some school zone signs could be adjusted up or down the street to be more effective.
5. During the audit, several drivers rolled through the stop sign at South and 145th when turning right.
6. Parent pickup in afternoon is congested with parents parking on both sides of Joseph and crossing mid-street at various locations.
7. Safety patrol waves cars on, even if the car wants to stop. This is not in line with safety patrol best practices, and may do more harm than good by creating confusion among drivers, who are generally expected to stop when pedestrians are waiting to cross in a school zone.
8. Student are permitted to use a red "STOP" paddle instead of a

flag. Under Wisconsin law, only police officers or adult crossing guards can stop vehicles.

Strategies/Opportunities

1. Chippewa Falls and Lake Hallie should work together to increase pedestrian access to the school by adding sidewalks and/or bike lanes on all roads adjacent to the school.
2. Add a bike path along Buttenhoff.
3. Add school zone signs along Joseph.
4. Evaluate and optimize placement of school zone signs on all streets surrounding school.
5. Add flashing lights to top sign at South and 145th to encourage drivers to stop.
6. Add shelter to bike parking area, secure racks to concrete.
7. Repaint crosswalks at Buttenhoff and in drop-off area.
8. Look into adding separate parent pickup/drop-off lane to eliminate street parking and crossing during afternoon pickup.
9. Review safety patrol procedures and best practices to ensure the safest methods are being used.
10. The role of student safety patrol is to assist pedestrians across the street, not to direct traffic. Therefore, student safety patrol should not use the STOP paddle meant for stopping traffic. They should instead use the florescent yellow-green STOP flag.

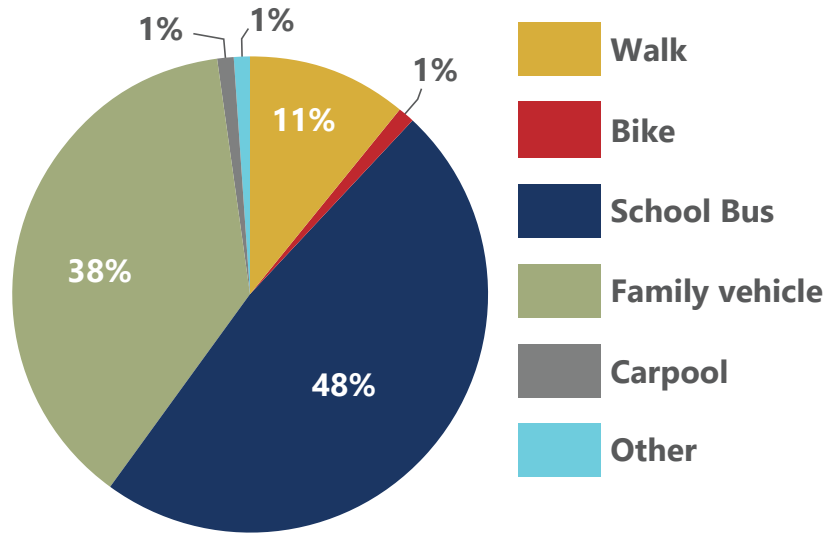
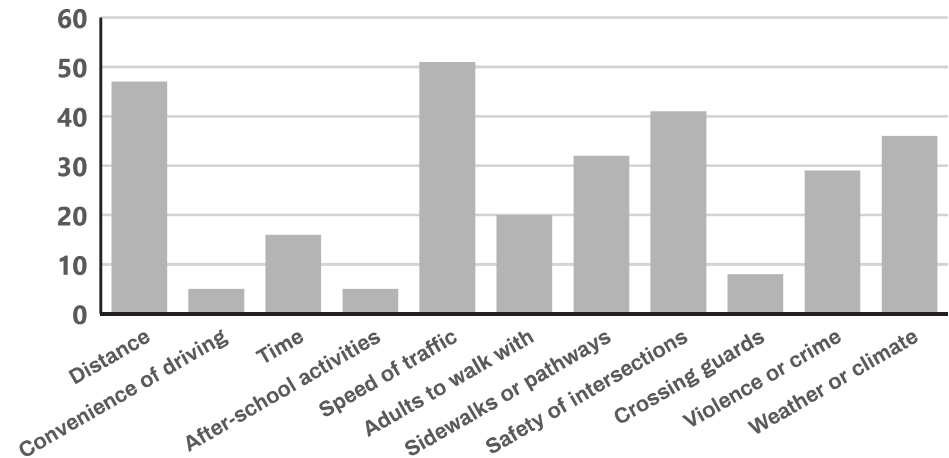
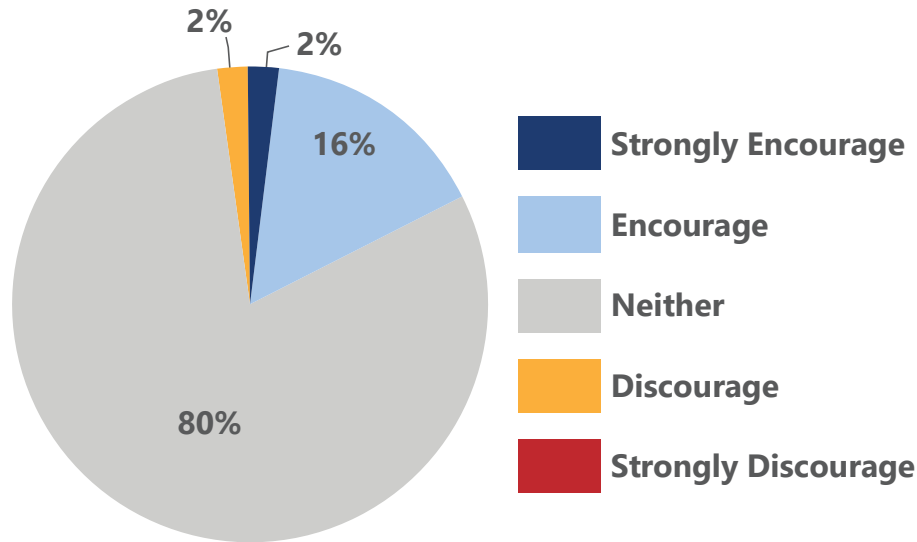


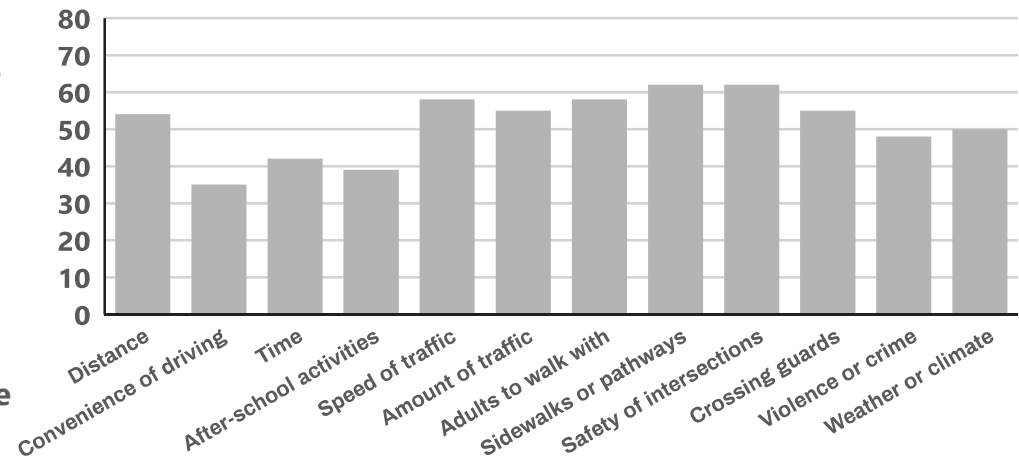
Chart showing student travel mode to/from school in percent (teacher survey tally).



The graph above shows the reasons parents do not allow their children to walk/bike to/from school (parent survey).



Results of parent survey question: "How much does your child's school encourage or discourage walking/biking to/from school?"



The graph above shows which issues, if resolved, would result in parents allowing their children to walk/bike to/from school (parent survey).