

## Spring Survey Script

*Surveyors:*

*Thank you for helping conduct the survey. Italic print is information or directions for surveyors. The regular print is what you say to the students. It is important that you follow the script. We are trying to be as consistent as possible so we get the most accurate information. If you have any questions or comments please let us know.*

Hi everyone, and thank you for participating in this ECO<sub>2</sub>school survey. You might remember doing this survey in the fall. This survey is going to help us learn if your commute has changed at all this school year and why or why not.

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. The most important thing is that you are honest so we get accurate data. If you have any questions, raise your hand and I will try to answer them. If you live in two different homes, raise your hand. Please fill out both sides of the paper. If you live in two households fill out two surveys and staple them together.

*Pass out the survey*

For Question #1, please tell us the NUMBER of times you travel using those forms of transportation, not an X or a check mark. In a five-day school week, you make 10 one-way trips to school, five to school in the morning and five returning home in the afternoon. Motor vehicles include: cars, motorcycles and trucks.

For Question #2, if you do not travel to school by motor vehicle you can skip this question. For this survey a carpool means traveling to or from school in a car that stays parked at school for the day. Drop off is a vehicle that continues on to another destination. You can mark the number of people who are dropped off but do not include the driver. You should only mark “drive yourself” if you have a driver’s license and you are alone in the car.

Question #3 is used to determine the distance of your commute. This information is exclusively for our statistical data. If you don’t want to include your address, please answer #4 and write the two nearest cross-streets to your house. This information is confidential and will not be shared.

Questions #5-9 are to gauge the effectiveness of the program. Please let us know what works and what does not so ECO<sub>2</sub>school can bring a better and more effective program to your school next year. Rate each program component individually. It is not a comparison. On question #7 please rate only the programs you answer “yes” to. You can respond “yes” to as many as apply.

Questions #10-11: ECO<sub>2</sub>school is always looking for dynamic student interns and volunteers to help with this program. Please indicate if you are interested.

*Conduct the survey. This should take 5-10 minutes*

Thanks everyone for taking the time to fill this out. Our goal was to reduce our school’s commute footprint by 20%. We will let you know if we were successful.

*Thank the teacher for allowing you into their class.*

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

*Even though we try to be clear students have a lot of questions. Here are some of the most common questions we hear. Please let us know if there are any questions we do not answer that should be listed here.*

Q: What does one-way mean?

A: One way means the travelling you do from home to school or from school to home. Round trip would be from home, to school, and back home, a total of 2 one-way trips.

Q: What if I live in more than one home?

A: Ask for a separate survey and fill out the transportation information twice. Staple the two surveys together.

Q: I come to school in a truck. Is that other?

A: A truck is considered a motor vehicle just like a car or a motorcycle.

Q: I walk to the bus stop. Should I write walk or bus?

A: List the one that is your primary mode of transportation. Probably the bus carries you the greatest distance.

Q: My mom drives me to school. Why isn't that a carpool? There is more than one person in the car.

A: It is not considered a carpool because your mom has no reason to travel to school other than drop you off. However, if your parent works at school and parks for the day that is different and would be considered a carpool.

Q: I drive to school with my brother. Is that a carpool?

A: For the purpose of this survey yes, you would fill in #2 as a carpool.

Q: I would like to carpool but the law says I am not allowed. If we are part of the challenge are we allowed to carpool?

A: NO. Even though we think carpooling is a great thing to do we cannot change the law or encourage you to break it.

Q: Where do I put my name?

A: The surveys are confidential. We need the information about you but we don't need to know exactly who said what. If you are interested in working on the ECO2school challenge next year let us know your name and how to get in touch with you, otherwise we do not need that information.