



Jersey Drives U GOT BRAINS? CHAMPION SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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SAFE DRIVING CLUB

Creating a Collective Voice

- Piloted schools inaugural Safe Driving Club
- **Objective:**
 - Increase Awareness
 - Change Behaviors
 - Create a Collective Voice
 - Foster Safe Driving Culture
- **Students made up of Driver Education Students**
- **Students raised awareness for safe driving in several ways:**
 - Education & Information
 - Social Media Platform
 - Collaborations
 - Advocacy



Our Slogan:

**PASS ME LIKE
YOU KNOW ME**

Because you do!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BASED EXPERIENCES

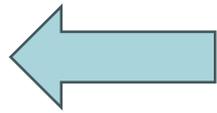
- Data Collection Survey
- Weekly Morning Announcements
- Interviews/Engagement for Social Media
- Sticker, Magnet and Tee Shirt Giveaways
- Safe Driving Club Round Tables
 - Students share information on Safe Driving and NJ Passing Laws with all students in the building through PE Classes.



SCHOOL INITIATIVES



Students making weekly announcements about various safe driving and passing laws



Students putting magnets & stickers in all staff mailboxes



Data Collection

Pre-Assessment

1. What grade are you in?

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Grade 9	17
Grade 10	129
Grade 11	114
Grade 12	86

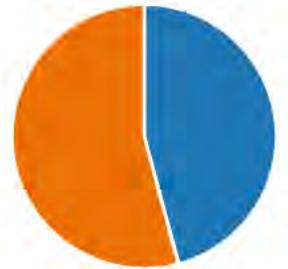


2. Have you heard of NJ Safe Passing Laws?

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[Insights](#)

Yes	159
No	188

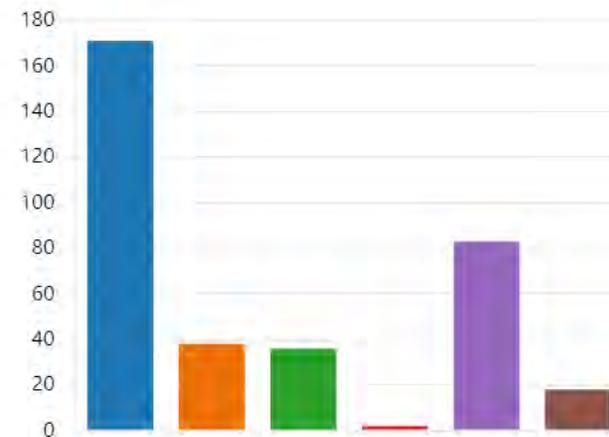


3. Which best describes the NJ Safe Passing Law

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[Insights](#)

I don't know the law	171
Drivers must allow at least a 3-f...	38
Drivers must slow to 35mph an...	36
Drivers must share all lanes clos...	2
All of these	83
None of these	18



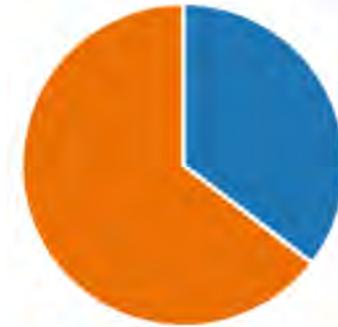
Data Collection

Pre-Assessment

4. Have you heard of the NJ Move Over Law?

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 Yes	121
 No	221

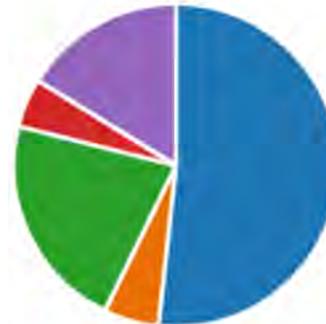


5. Which best describes NJ Move Over Law?

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 Insights

 I don't know the law	179
 When you encounter an emerge...	19
 Drivers approaching stationary ...	75
 None of these	17
 All of these	56



Data Collection

Post-Assessment

2. Have you heard of NJ Safe Passing Laws?

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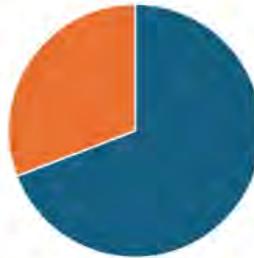
 [Insights](#)

 Yes

240

 No

107



4. Have you heard of the NJ Move Over Law?

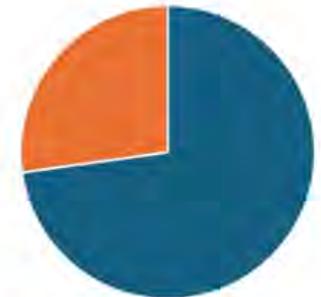
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 Yes

249

 No

93



Data Collection

Assessment	PRE	POST	% Increase
YES – Heard of NJ Safe Passing Law	46%	70%	24% 
YES – Heard of NJ Move Over Law	36%	73%	37% 

SOCIAL MEDIA

https://www.instagram.com/elizabethpasswithclass?igsh=YnlqMDRrcnNuMWhy&utm_source=qr



- Students worked to grow a community following
- Posted PSA's on New Jersey's Various Safe Driving & Passing Laws
- Interviewed Students, Bus Drivers, Staff, etc.
- Created fun and engaging videos
- Our first video had over 5,400 views!

Instagram: Elizabeth Pass with Class



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elizabethpasswithclass Sneak Peak at our @stop4nikhil Safe Driving Mural in the making! #safedrivingpledge #dontdrinkanddrive



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elizabethpasswithclass TECTA's Safe Driving Club is focusing on various NJ Safe Passing Laws - students present this focus on School... more

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elizabethpasswithclass Our Latest Safe Driving PSA from our Safe Driving Club. Focus: Pedestrians #moveover #passwithclass

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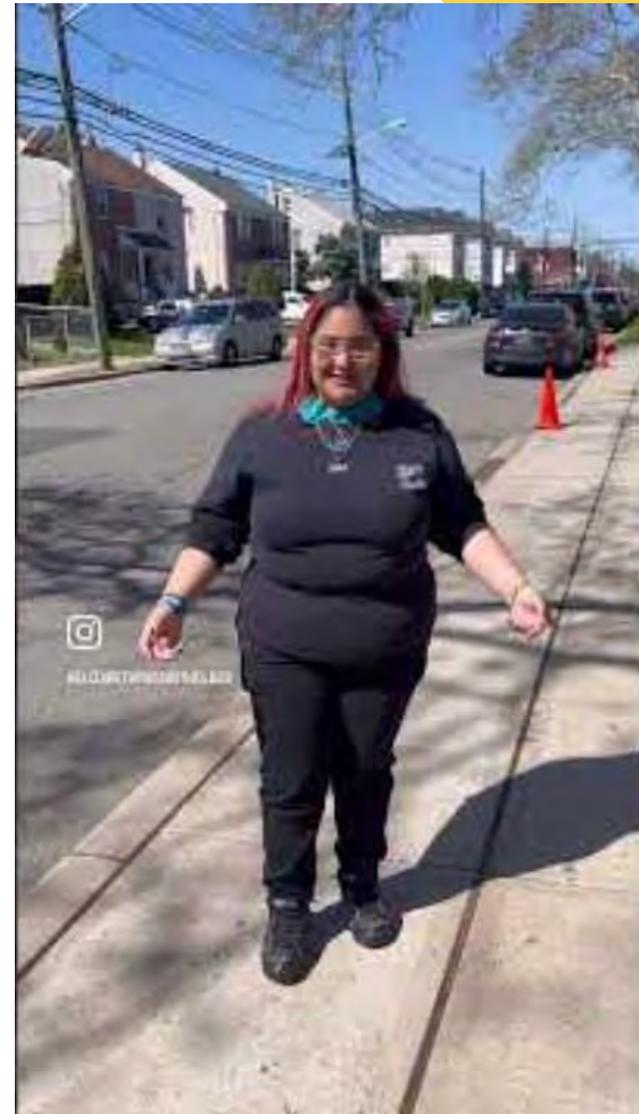
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elizabethpasswithclass When you see flashing lights on the side of the road, slow down, and if it's safe, MOVE OVER – away from police... more

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Reels on YouTube



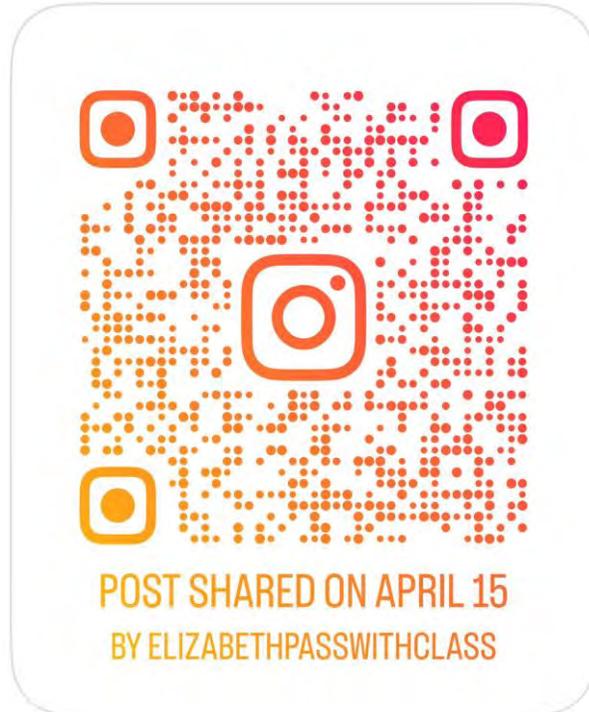
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Instagram Reels

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5,500
VIEWS!



OVER
2,300
VIEWS!

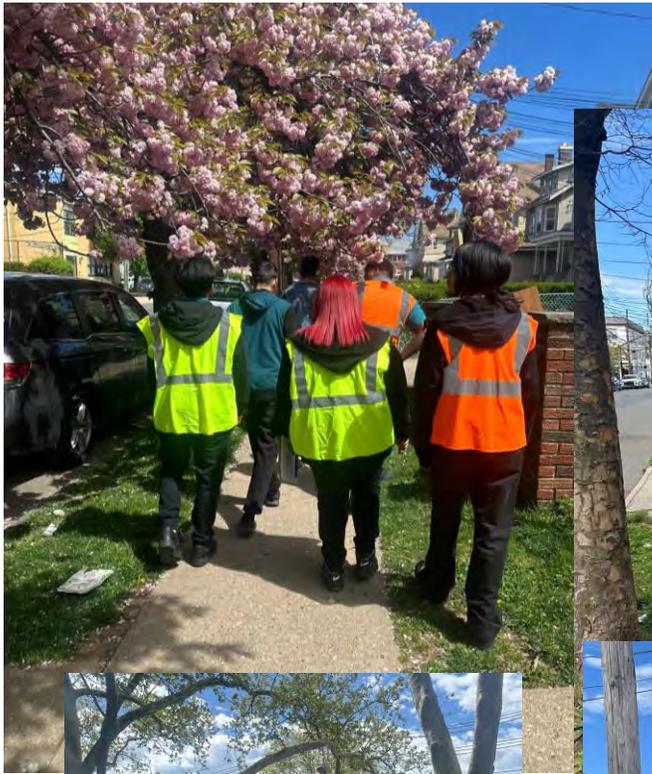


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EZ RIDE

- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PRESENTATION
- WALKABILITY AUDIT
- DATA COLLECTION



EZ Ride Walkability Audit

Students walked the 3 most travelled paths to school to take photos and document hazards and other unsafe practices on these routes. Students were very engaged and came back to debrief with other students and school leaders about what changes need to be made for our streets to be safer.

Future Goals



- After the walkability audit, students recognized the hazard of cars being illegally parked near intersections.
- This violation is not only unsafe for other drivers but also for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.
- The lack of visibility for all travelers involved, poses a major risk for accidents and injury.
- Students are hoping to install posts that will making parking in or near the crosswalk impossible, making our streets more safe!

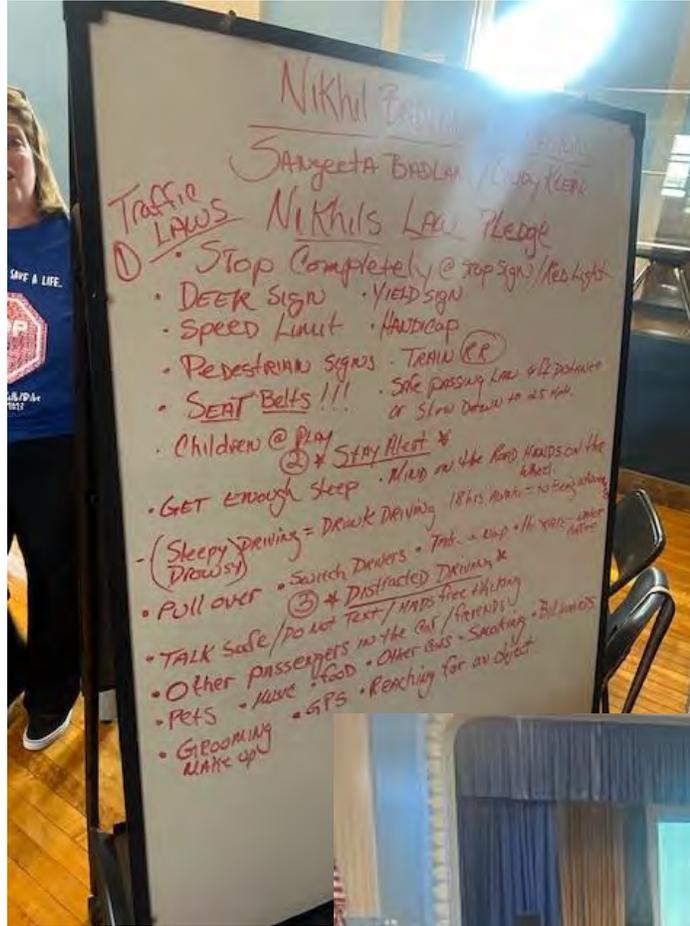
Future Goals (Cont.)



1. Strengthening your crossing guard program
2. Crafting policies to promote walking and biking
3. Implementing biking and walking educational program
4. Identifying street infrastructure needs to support safe walking and biking
5. Working with local police to encourage safe driver and pedestrian behavior

NIKHIL BADLANI FOUNDATION

DRIVER ED THRU ART PROGRAM



The Nikhil Badlani Foundation presented to over 200 of Edison Academy's driver education students. Ms. Badlani shared her personal story and discussed the importance of avoiding many common driving distractions. Students are actively working on the Safe Driving Mural that will be permanently displayed in our hall



Safe Driving Mural

Students worked to create 36 informational drawings about safe driving topics.

UPCOMING:

On May 15, students will work with the Badlani Foundation Artist to create a Safe Driving Mural.

On June 7th, the Badlani Foundation will unveil our Safe Driving Mural at the School.



ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT

EPD Officers Lawal & Ramirez visited Driver Education Classes to discuss the importance of Safe Driving, limiting distractions, the Move Over Laws, and encouraged positive Police Interactions.

Students were able to ask questions & have positive open discussions.



GRAPHIC PRINT SHOP BANNER



NJ Safe Passing Law



- Create and hang banners around school.
- Print shop is in works to Print large outdoor banner with the Safe Passing Logo to hang outside the school for driver and pedestrian visibility.

Safe Driving Collaboration

Students engaged with ALL Edison Academy Classes throughout the Day in the Auditorium. They answered questions, raised awareness and gave away stickers, magnets and tee shirts to students who engaged and answered questions.



Community Engagement RAILS TO TRAILS EVENT



- Spreading awareness of NJ Safe Driving Laws at Union County Connects Rails to Trails Day Event.

STIPEND USE

-TEE SHIRTS

-CAR MAGNETS

-STICKERS

-PHONE MICROPHONES



Final Thoughts

- The underlying theme of our safe driving club is : The Little Things are the Big Things. We felt that by making multiple small meaningful impacts on our school community, we would have a greater chance of developing ideas and preconceived notions about safe driving.
- Small actions and gestures can, and do, have a significant impact on our overall comprehension and retention. By focusing on one smaller lesson at a time, our audience can avoid feeling overwhelmed or confused.
- By breaking down our larger goal into smaller more manageable lessons, we can more easily engage with our target audience. We can then make incremental progress and achieve change at a successful pace.
- We are able to approach our goals with clarity, enhance learning retention and adapt to changing circumstances.