Walk! Bike! Fun!
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

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OBJECTIVES

• Increase the number of students who safely walk and bicycle to/from school and in their community

• Increase safety of youth pedestrians and bicyclists

• Improve the lives of children by improving health, learning capacity, and independence
LOCATIONS AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Over **15,000 students** are expected to be taught the Walk! Bike! Fun! Curriculum annually.

“Kids get a kick out of using a bike during the school day.”

“I never knew that exercise was so much fun. Now I want to ride my bike every day.”

“I didn't know riding bike would be that fun!”
School administration, peer teachers, and parents are all found to be integral to successful implementation of the curriculum.

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities were also important to successful implementation.
CHANGES IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR
Moving Forward

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BIKES in BCS in BC

Brooklyn Center Secondary Bike Club. It’s BIGGER than just a club, it’s a lifestyle.
History

Bike Club started in Summer of 2014 during summer LEAP Program.

Continued into school year in fall of 2014 as two day a week program.

Continuous funding through 21st Century Community Learning Center grant and limited funding through Hennepin County Statewide Health Improvement Program.

Voted for and received Educator of the Year Award in 2015 from Minnesota Bike Alliance.

January 2015 wrote and received Schwinn Helmets on Heads mini-grant award.

How the wheels turn...

**Student Voice:** The students at BCS have played a huge role in determining they want a club that fixes bikes, sells bikes, donates bikes and most importantly understand their role on the roads as bikers..

**Key Partners:** Venture North (parts and staff training), Cycles for Change (Build-A- Bike Program), Schwinn, Three Rivers Park District (Bike Fleet Grant thru MNDOT), MN Bike Alliance (conducted Walk, Bike, Fun! training for additional BCS staff) and Brooklyn Center Police Dept.
What happens when the wheels start turning...

- Carryover into the school day:

- Special Education and Gym Teachers were trained on the Walk, Bike, Fun curriculum.

- Preparing student to ride safely and responsible has been implemented into the school day curriculum in gym. That has encompassed relationship building with Three Rivers Park District, Brooklyn Center Police Dept. and BCS Students.

- The Special Education Department is seeking ways to add bike repair to their curriculum.
Moving Wheels and Stewards of the Roadways through the classroom

Implementation into school day:

How to size the bike to fit the rider.

 Appropriately sizing a helmet.

Expectations from cyclist on the road.

Cycling Safety on the road and knowing who you are as a rider.
12-mile Round Trip Adventure
Let the good times roll.

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Community Rides
Item Giveaways

- Brooklyn Center Police Logo
- Blue bicycle helmet
- Cable lock
- Bike headlight
Bike Program

Previous bikes 12+ years

Strong in early 2000’s

Bikes were collecting dust

Badly needed repairs

Two officers had participated in the MLB All-Star Game (2014)
Active Living Grant

Awarded by Hennepin County

Mission: Promote active living through safe bicycle usage

Department able to purchase four bikes

Four Officers and one CSO IPMBA Certified

Partnered with others for outreach efforts
Enforcement

162 hours on bike
Not including outreach
Rode at least 350 miles
Details
Curfew
Narcotics
Theft from auto
Enforcement

Traffic Stops

Pedestrians
Jaywalking
Bicycles
Obeying traffic signals
Riding to right side of the road (where applicable)

Vehicles
Stopping for crosswalks
Giving bicycles ample space
Enforcement

No citations given for items mentioned

We did make 15 arrests and issue a couple dozen citations for other offenses

Curfew to a CSC

Education

Used as education for all stopped

Numerous positive reinforcements

Bike Helmets

Bike headlights

Bike Locks

Badge Stickers
Community Engagement

Frequently stopped by citizens
Wanted to talk about the bikes
General conversations
Community Policing at its best

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