

Fort Collins – Enschede Knowledge Sharing Partnership Jan. 20, 2022

> Safe Routes to School Program Overview Nancy Nichols and Brian Kurotsuchi, City of Fort Collins



Overarching Goal

Get more kids biking, walking & rolling to school for HEALTH ~ ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ~ CLIMATE / ENVIRONMENT



Lesher Middle School, National Bike to School Day



Fort Collins



Current Program



Olander Elementary, Kindergarten Bike Rodeo

- Primary audience K-12 students (5 to 17 years old) ~25,000
- Estimated # of kids biking/walking to school in 2019 (pre-pandemic) 27% (up from 23% in 2018)
- Students receiving formal bike-ped safety education annually 6,000 to 7,000
- **Core staffing** 2 City staff, 24 contractual instructors (Bike Fort Collins), 12 crossing guards





Partner Organizations



Irish Elementary, bike-ped education in PE

- Bike Fort Collins
 Safe Routes instructional team
- Various City departments/programs FC Moves Department, Active Modes Program, Bicycle Ambassador Program, Police Services, Engineering, Traffic Operations, Streets, Recreation, Parks, Natural Areas, Sustainability Services
- Poudre School District
 Superintendent, central administration, wellness program, school principals, teachers, parents, crossing guards
- Advocacy and other organizations Safe Kids Larimer County, Overland Mountain Bike Association, Colorado State University, Colorado Department of Transportation, FoCo Fondo, health organizations, businesses





How We Operate

The 6 Es:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Evaluation
- Equity



Walk & Wheel Skills Hub





Education and Encouragement

Priorities for 2022

- Teach 6,000 to 7,000 students via "School Rotation Schedule"
- Perform safety checks and/or repairs on 3,000 to 4,000 student bikes
- Lead community celebrations of International Walk to School Day & National Bike to School Day
- Expand promotional programs such as Bike/Walk-to-School Challenge
- After-school biking/walking/scootering clubs
- Summer bike camps



After-school scooter club, PSD Global Academy



Education Plan



Fort Collins School Rotation Schedule: SRTS Bike-Ped Safety Education

Rotation focuses on K-12 public schools in Fort Collins; assistance also provided (by request) to private K-12 schools and public/private preschools as well as youth organizations.

2021/2024/2027

Collins

2022/2025/2028

2023/2026/2029

Spring	FALL
Harris	Bacon
Riffenburgh	Bennet
Shepardson	Dunn

PSD K-5* (11 schools, 4,800 students)				
SPRING	FALL			
Irish	Johnson			
O'Dea	Laurel			
Putnam	Tavelli			

PRING	FALL
Bauder	Beattie
opez	Linton
1cGraw	Zach

*KRUSE, OLANDER, POLARIS, TRAUT and WERNER are not on regular rotation due to scheduling issues or because school staff lead bike-ped activities outside normal curriculum, such as bike field trips (included in student totals above).

HIGH SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY

	PSD Middle School (7 schools, 1,700 students)					
Blevins	s Boltz	Kinard	Lincoln	Preston	Webber	

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM focuses on one grade level, normally sixth (seventh at Kinard). LESHER receives ongoing bicycle programming every year.

		A schools, ~500 students)		
Fort Collins	Fossil Ridge	Poudre	Rocky Mountain	

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM focuses on "Bike PE" curriculum during Adventure PE classes and incorporates "Bicycle Friendly Driver" certification.

TOTAL: 7,400

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Educational Focus



Sampling of equipment used in school programming

All Students: How roadway and trail systems work, what traffic signs mean, which side of the street to bike on, common traffic hazards, etc.

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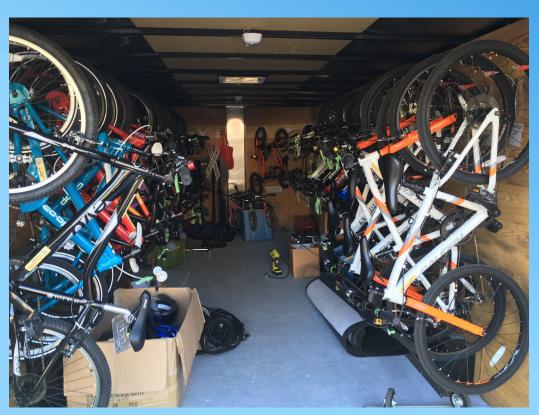
- Younger students (5 to 7 years old): Primarily walking skills, with introduction to bike skills
- Older elementary-school students (8 to 11 years old): Primarily bike skills
- Middle-school and high-school students (12 to 17 years old): Bike skills, with practice rides on roadway and trail systems
- High-school students: Motorist skills (Bicycle Friendly Driver course)





Equipment Trailers





How we transport equipment to schools









Student riding with her father on bike field trip

Serving All Children

- Students with special needs
 participate in all programming
 through use of adaptive equipment
- Supplemental programming for schools with students from lowerincome families
- Reduced fees and full scholarships
 at summer bike camps
- Free bike repairs for kids and parents in low-income neighborhoods





Our vision for the future...

50 percent of K-12 students will bike, walk, scooter, or skateboard to school!



Olander Elementary, fifth-grade bike field trip



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