## Alexandria City Public Schools: Teaching "ACTIVE" Transportation



# Pedestrian Education (PedEd)



# Roll Out of PedEd

- 4th graders did a Civic Trek Community Service project at MVCS where they had focus groups, completed walk audits, voted on a town name, and created:

  - a Pedestrian Safety book for the "library"
    a Pedestrian Safety video for the "movie theatre"
    Informative Posters to be hung in the hallways of the school during the unit
- PD session to share curriculum with all
  - SRTS funding bought Ped. Packs
  - Schools started teaching in-person PedEd Virtual PedEd in all elementary (2020) Middle School PedEd In-Person (2021)
    - Implementation through 6th grade HPE classes



# Elementary PedEd Stats

- Typically, students in second grade participate in the PedEd unit.
  - · Yet, 2020-2021 all K-5 students participated virtually.
- Roughly 15% of ACPS students had not been exposed to pedestrian education prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

1,256 students were post-assessed and 78% passed all 7 questions after our virtual PedEd unit this 2020-2021 school year.

## Elementary PedEd Unit Outline

- The following pedestrian safety skills are taught:
  - define a pedestrian
  - teaching/reminding students their left and right
  - explain and demonstrate how to safely cross the street
    - · using "Stop, Look, Wave"
  - identify traffic signs and signals
  - list ways to safely play outside

Pedestrian Safety

<u>Mastery Objective:</u> Students will be able to describe the importance in pedestrian safety, name safe areas to play, and how to safely cross a street.

## <u>AGENDA</u>

**Learning Corner** 

Safety Rules & Tips Day 1 – Pedestrian Safety Tips Day 2 – Signs and Signals

"I Can" Statements:

"I can tell you what a pedestrian is." "I can explain how to safely cross a street."

"I can name ways to play safely outside."

### **Essential Questions:**

How can we walk smart?
 How can we cross roads safely?

Activity Mock Town - Stations

#### Closure

Essential Questions Review "I <u>Can</u>"s

## Mock Town Skills Practice



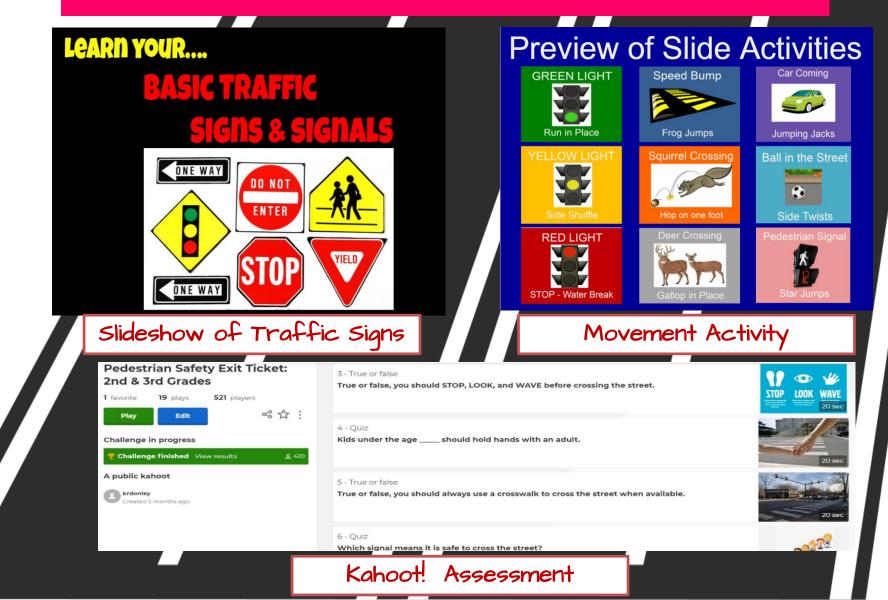


Pedestrians

Cars



# Virtual Highlights



Middle School PedEd Unit Outline

 The following pedestrian safety skills are revisited:

- explain and demonstrate how to safely cross the street

- · using "Stop, Look, Wave"
- identify traffic signs and signals
- describe the importance in following traffic signs
- list ways to access your environment through walking

Students complete travel tally surveys for SRTS

## Bicycling in the Schools (BITS)



## Roll Out of Elementary BITS

- Curriculum piloted at one elementary schools
   (2016)
  - Alexandria Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was very instrumental is this effort, along with many school and community partners
  - SRTS Coordinator position for ACPS (2017)
    - BPAC was very instrumental is this effort, along with many school and community partners
- Expansion to all elementary schools (2017-present)
  - BPAC was very instrumental is this effort, along with many school and community partners



Safe Routes to School Virginia Alexandria Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee



## Elementary Biking Stats

- Students in third grade participate in the BITS unit.
- Roughly 25% of students in each class had never ridden a bike.
  - About 50% of students in each class rated themselves as "uneasy" riders.
  - All students were pre and post assessed, with an overall 95% improvement.

## Unit Outline

· The following skills are taught to all riders:

- straight line riding and passing
- stopping and turning using hand signals
- safety skills, such as quick stop and scanning
- road/trail rules were addressed, such as dismounting at crosswalks and railroad crossings, riding to the right and passing on the left, vocal communication, etc.

## Helmet Check

## **"YOU CHECK"**

Wear a properly fitted helmet.

Wear brightly colored clothing.

Make sure you do not have any dangling shoe laces, pant legs, etc.

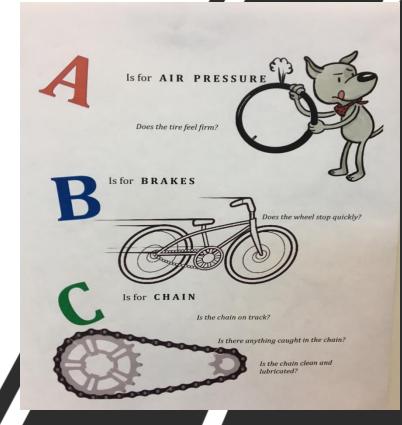


Do not wear headphones or anything else that could block sound or be distracting while bicycling.

Don't carry anyone Delse on your bike.



# Parking Lot



## **ABC Quick Check**





## Three Groupings Beginners, Intermediate, & Advanced



## Beginners Self Start, Pedaling, & Straight Line Riding



## Intermediate Self Start, Pedaling, Straight Line Riding, Turning, Take Off One Hand



## Advanced - Courses



## Straight line riding and passing





# Hand Signals



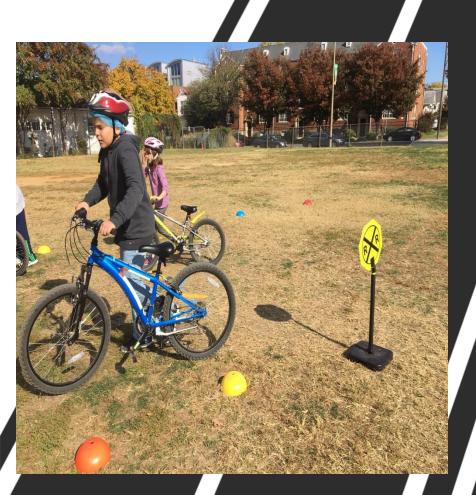










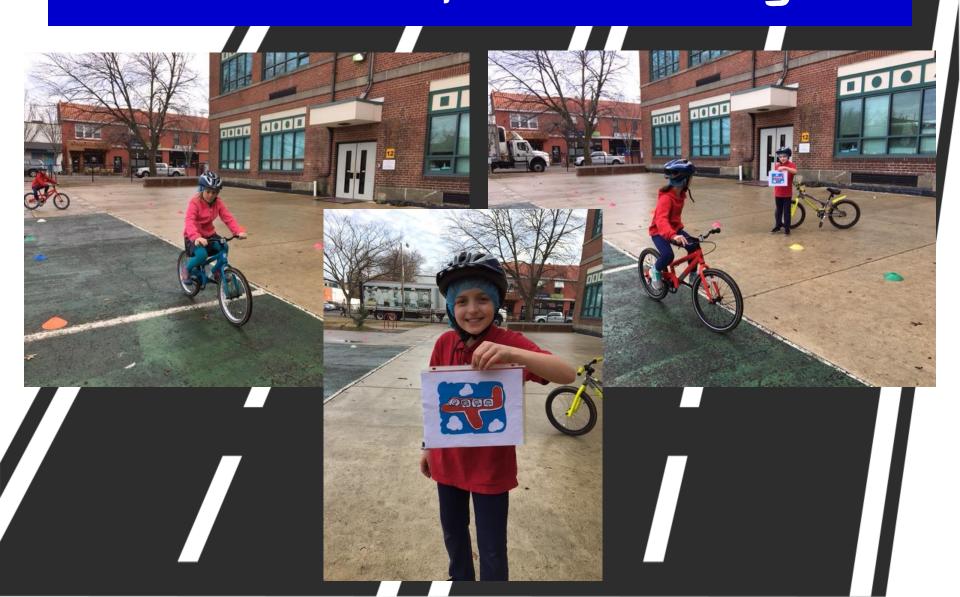




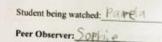
# Observing Signs



## Quick Stop & Scanning



## Peer Assessing



#### Bicycling Peer Checklist

Did you observe your partner doing the following?

Helmet Check ABC Quick Check Quick Stop Straight Line Riding Signals Scanning Stopping at a stop sign Student being watched: <u>50Ph/e</u> Peer Observer: Portela

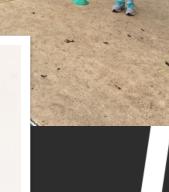
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Did you observe your partner doing the following?

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## Roll Out of Secondary BITS

- Bike Smart Virginia led a Professional Development Session in 2005
  - Biking was piloted and successfully taught for the next five years at both the middle and high school levels.
  - Biking through PE (2010-2020)
    - Biking became sporadically taught by PE teachers comfortable and trained.
  - BITS Curriculum Revised and Teacher Training (2021)
    - Bikes maintenanced and the curriculum was revised and implemented at 7th grade middle and then 9th & 10th high.
    - All ACPS secondary PE teachers provided BITS professional development training session.

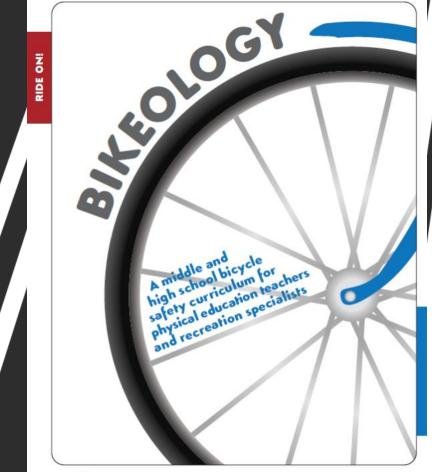
# Middle & High School BITS

- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade participate in the advanced BITS unit.
- Advanced cycling skills, traffic safety, and bike maintenance.

The main focus is to achieve competency biking skills for a means of transportation, access, and physical activity.

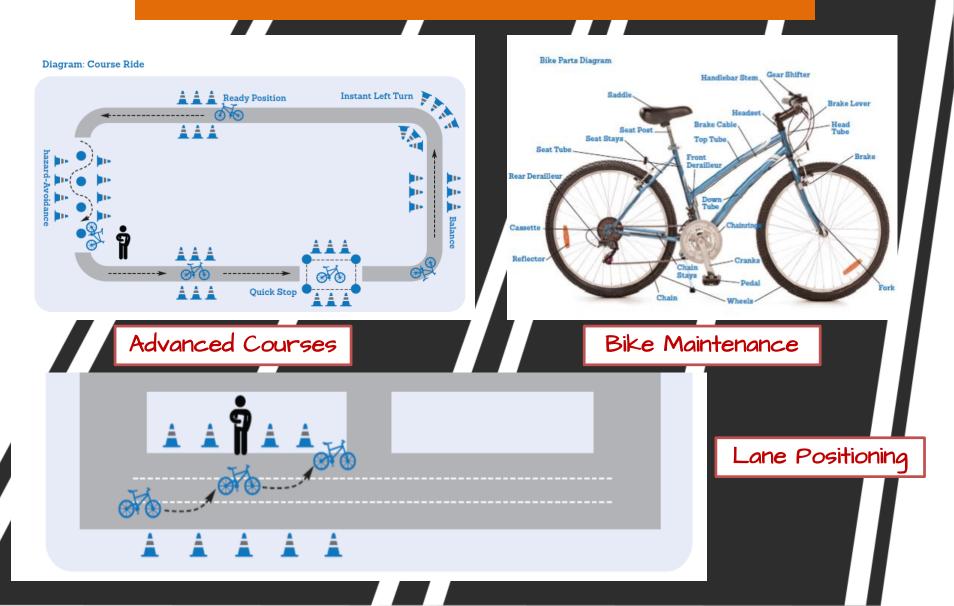
## Unit Outline

- The following skills are the focus:
  - learning the rules of the road and consistently applying them to their own bicycling
  - understanding traffic situations that can be dangerous for bikers
  - building competency riding safely to encourage biking as a means of physical activity

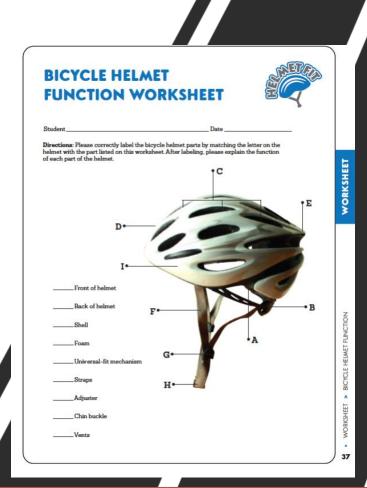




Skills Focus



## Assessments



### Paper and Pencil Assessments

#### PERFORMANCE RUBRIC: RULES OF THE ROAD 🙋

Exceptional	Reliable	Inconsistent	Struggling/ Survival		
Student is committed to riding safely during activity; Student reliably maintains a safe speed and distance, without reminders from the teacher.	Student is committed to riding safely during activity; Student maintains a safe speed and distance during activity, but may need a reminder/prompt from teacher	Student is somewhat committed to safe riding, particularly when a teacher prompts appropriate riding behavior; Student will maintain a safe speed and distance during the activity, with reminders and supervision.	Student is unable to participate in the activity due to unsafe behavior; Student lacks control of his bike and balance, so that riding in this activity is unsafe for all involved.		

## Skills Rubrics for Grading Courses

Who Goes First?				Squeeze Box			
	Every time	Almost Every time	Didn't happen		Every time	Almost Every time	Didn't happer
I communicated with my riding partner by saying who goes first.				My group started together.			
I moved ahead or behind when arriving at the obstacle.				Everyone in my group communicated verbally.			
My partner communicated with me by telling me who would go first.				Everyone in my group kept themselves and other riders safe.			
My partner moved ahead or behind when arriving at the obstacle.				My group ended together.			
We were able to get back to riding side by side.							

Peer Assessment

# Off Campus Rides



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