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# HOST SITE APPLICATION

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**The Youth Cycling Program brings bikes, helmets, instructors, and an active curriculum to Boston Public Schools.** We help students from grades 2 to 12 learn bicycle safety through lessons, practice, and having fun. We visit each school for 2 weeks during our spring season. Over 35,000 young Bostonians have participated in the program since 2009.

## HOW TO APPLY

Read about our program’s requirements at [**boston.gov/youth-cycling**](https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes/youth-cycling-program) and prepare your application. You can submit the application:

* **Online:** Use [our online form](http://www.boston.gov/youth-cycling-program-host-site-application) to complete all the required information and upload any attachments. Complete your application **by 8 AM on Monday, February 25**.
* **By email:** Return this form to [ycp@boston.gov](mailto:ycp@boston.gov) by **8 AM on Monday, February 25** with the subject line “Spring 2019 YCP – [YOUR SCHOOL NAME]”.
* **Mail:** If you cannot submit your application using the online form or by email, you can mail it to: Boston Transportation Department ATTN Boston Bikes, 1 City Hall Sq Room 721, Boston MA 02201.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at [ycp@boston.gov](mailto:ycp@boston.gov) or 617-635-4156.

## OUR ROLE/YOUR ROLE

You will have two Boston Bikes instructors at your school at all times. The instructors will serve as the bicycle experts, sizing your students for helmets and bikes, leading bicycle activities, etc. **Teachers serve as the lead in group management, behavior, discipline, and first aid.** Our instructors will ask you to help with bicycle activities to help make the program run smoothly. A teacher must accompany the group if they ride off campus. The school host is responsible for distributing information to all participating teachers.

## REQUIRED WAIVERS

You will need to distribute and track waivers ahead of our visit so it's clear who is allowed to ride. Waivers (available in English, Spanish, and Chinese) and a customizable parent cover letter will be attached to your confirmation email. They also are available on our program website. Completed waivers should be given to our instructors on the last day of our visit.

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| CONTACT INFORMATION **Name:**  **Your Position:**  *(e.g., PE Instructor, 3rd Grade Teacher, Principal)*  **School Phone #:**  **Cell Phone #:**  **Email:**  **Best way to reach you:**  school phone  cell phone  email  **Principal:**       **Email:**  Yes, the school principal is aware of and supportive of my application. | SCHOOL INFORMATION Elementary  K-8  Middle School  High School  **School/Site name:**  **Neighborhood:**  **Address:**  **School hours:** |
| SESSION PREFERENCE **Please rank your preferences:**  *(1 = first choice)*        April 1 - 12        April 22 – May 3        May 6 – 17        May 20 – 31        June 3- 14  *This season, we will consider smaller schools (<~150 students) for one-week sessions. One-week schools will be selected for half of one of the regular sessions above.*  **Are you applying for a one-week schedule?** | STUDENT PARTICIPANTS **Participating Grades:**  NOTE: We cannot serve a wide grade range in one visit due to bike sizes. We can only serve Grades 2-5 **OR** 5-8 **OR** 8-12 in one visit.  **How many different classes will participate?**  **Average class size:**       **Biggest class size:**  **Over 2 weeks, approx. how many students total do you think will participate in our program?**  **Participation will be**: *(check all that apply)*  optional  required  rewarded  for a grade  **NOTE:** Preference is given to schools that offer bike classes during the entire school day for the full session. |
| SUPERVISION We need **at least one teacher present** with the students **at all times**. Feel free to invite parent volunteers to help with the program — the more adults to help, the better!  **Will you be the teacher present with the students/bikes at all times, or will there be different teachers rotating in throughout the day?**  **Some students will not be able to participate because of missing waivers, illness, or other reasons. What do you anticipate they will do while the other students are riding bikes?** | |
| SCHOOL FACILITIES Our program requires a safe place for students to ride, sheltered from cars and traffic. We also require a lockable, secure indoor space to store bikes overnight for the duration of the program.  **The following space(s) are available for riding sessions:**  Open paved recess area (will need to arrange separate bike area during recesses)  Sizeable parking lot without moving cars  Tennis/basketball court where bikes would be allowed  Track where bicycles are allowed  Location within ¼ mile of a bike path, greenway, or park  **Describe riding options in detail, if needed:**  **If riding outdoors is unavailable (e.g., due to rain), is there an indoor space for riding?**  Yes  No  **Describe where we can securely store our fleet of 29-35 bikes.** A lockable ground floor location, ideally near an exit, is necessary.  On the first day with a class, our instructors will do a classroom-style introductory workshop about biking, helmets, safety, and more. It is ideal for this session to take place in a classroom instead of a gym or outdoors. We start each following session with a short workshop followed by on-bike activities. | |
| BIKE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP We drop off and pick up bikes at the beginning and end of the session. A lot of coordination goes into moving around the bikes, and we thank you for your patience and flexibility with drop-off and pick-up. We will inform you of your drop off/pick up schedule no less than 2 days ahead.  **What are the earliest and latest times for bike drop off/pick up on a Monday?   am &   pm**  **What are the earliest and latest times that bike drop off/pick up on a Friday?   am &   pm** | |
| SESSION SCHEDULE Our program is successful when we work with as many students as possible during our visit. Your schedule should not have large gaps in it. You will need to team up with other teachers/classes in your school to fill these gaps. Ideally, we’ll see each student at least 3-4 times during our visit.  **Will we see the same students every day?**  Yes  No  **If no, how many times will we see each class during a 2 week visit?**  Our instructors will need a lunch break in the middle of the day, but otherwise require a full schedule (*minimum* of 4 hours of teaching time each day). A schedule with large gaps will not be accepted. In many cases, students have bikes in multiple classes to fill empty blocks and reach the 3-4 sessions threshold. You are responsible for coordinating with other classroom teachers to fill gaps. Please insert the schedule for our visit below or send it in separately.  **Your schedule:**   **NOTE:** If we do not have your schedule 2 weeks before our visit your slot will be filled with a school from the waitlist. | |