

## Office of Innovation & Grants

Unlocking the Potential in ALL Students

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Lawrence School is applying to the Connecticut Department of Transport to acquire bike helmets, indoor bike stands and smaller bikes for grades 2 and 3 students. These items will enhance the safety and accessibility of biking activities.

The initiative directly serves the student body, ensuring their safety while engaging in physical activity. Additional equipment will minimize the risk of head injuries and create a safer environment for biking.

Lawrence School's location in an urban district emphasizes the importance of promoting biking as a viable transportation option. By incorporating biking into the curriculum and providing necessary equipment, we contribute to advancing active transportation initiatives in our community.

As an IB world school, it has a commitment to holistic development and global citizenship aligns with promoting sustainable practices such as biking. By instilling the value of active transportation in its students, they empower them to make environmentally conscious choices and contribute to building a more sustainable future for the community.

In summary, this project not only enhances the safety and well-being of Lawrence students but also contributes to advancing active transportation in an equitable, safe, accessible, and sustainable manner for vulnerable road users in Connecticut's urban districts.

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Respectfully Submitted: Natalie Forbes, Director of Innovation & Grants