

Sacaton Middle School has been selected as a grant recipient of the Specialized Foundation's Riding for Focus program for the 2018-2019 school year. Riding for Focus is a nationally recognized program designed to introduce middle school students to cycling's positive effects on academic performance, health, and social success. The curriculum was developed based on studies conducted by a third-party research organization that investigated the impact of cycling on middle school students. Students that follow the curriculum have seen improvements in their standardized test scores, and the increased physical activity helps to establish life-long habits for exercise, fitness, and wellness. The program has been found to be an inclusive experience for all students, across all ethnographic, demographic, and geographic factors, and is flexible to deploy in all types of schools with class sizes from ten to fifty.

As part of a national selection, Sacaton Middle School was selected as one of the **top candidates and will be implementing the program this Fall**. As a recipient of this year's grant, we will gain access to the Riding for Focus program curriculum, a fleet of bikes, a starter maintenance kit, and helmets to activate the program. Additionally, a select program champion will attend an in-person training hosted by The Specialized Foundation to ensure success as the program is integrated into classrooms this Fall.

With the addition of our school, we will join The Specialized Foundation family which reaches more than 20,000 students, across 77 schools, in 30 states. We look forward to working closely with the Specialized Foundation team and helping our students achieve academic, health, and social success through cycling.

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