

STUDENT USE OF BICYCLES

Many students in grades 4-8 regularly ride their bicycles between home and district schools, and store their bicycles on district property when classes are in session. When a school permits students to bring bicycles to school, the school shall encourage students to follow safe bicycle practices and respect laws which govern the use of bicycles on public streets. Accordingly, students who wish to bring their bicycle to and from school shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Observe safety rules and bicycle laws.
2. Wear a bicycle helmet.
3. Display courtesy towards other riders, vehicles and pedestrians.
4. Secure a bicycle stored at school with a lock in a designated area.
5. Observe all school rules related to the use and storage of bicycles.
6. Complete a bicycle registration form.

If a school permits students to bring their bicycles on campus, the school shall require that the student's parent/guardian complete bicycle registration form #ES 68-4010 (see attached). The form shall include an agreement that the student will abide by the above rules as well as parental permission for the student to ride his/her bike to school. The registration form will also record the parent's acknowledgment that the school district is not responsible for bicycles, or related equipment, which are lost, stolen or damaged. Additionally, the registration form shall include the parent's acknowledgment that the school district, in granting permission for a student to ride his/her bicycle to and from school, is not assuming responsibility for the student's safety to and from school, and, furthermore, that it shall be the parent's responsibility to insure that their child is adhering to bicycle safety laws. The school shall keep a copy of the form on file at the school. In the event there are infractions of these rules and procedures, the school administration will review the situation with the student and the student's parents. If a student consistently or willfully violates the above rules, the school may revoke the privilege to ride a bicycle to the school.

Each school shall cooperate with government agencies and community groups to regularly provide bicycle safety information to students and parents. Student and parent handbooks and other communications should include information on rules regarding the bringing of bicycles to the school and about the state law that requires all minors to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on public streets.