

5514 - USE OF **PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES** **BICYCLES**

The School Board regards the use of bicycles for travel to and from school by students as an assumption of responsibility on the part of those students—a responsibility in the care of property, in the observation of safety rules, and in the display of courtesy and consideration toward others.

The School Board regulates the utilization of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and personal transportation devices, whether powered manually by an operator or powered by a mechanical means (including but not limited to gas engines or electric motors). For purposes of this policy, such items are collectively referred to as "personal transportation devices" but do not include personal transportation devices needed and/or used due to a disability. Personal transportation devices necessary for use due to a student's disability are governed by other policies of the Board. Additionally, this policy does not prevent the safe and reasonable utilization and operation of personal transportation devices when needed due to a disability.

~~Because of the clear and present danger of accidents in traffic, inherent to riding bicycle personal transportation devices riding, it shall be the policy of the School Board to prohibit the use of bicycles personal transportation devices by students on campus for purposes of travel to and from school. [END OF OPTION]~~

**[X]** The School Board regards the use of personal transportation devices bicycles for travel to and from school by students as an assumption of care, risk, and responsibility on the part of the students and parents of those students. -- a responsibility in the care of property, in the observation of safety rules, and in the display of courtesy and consideration toward others.

The Board in no way regulates the utilization of personal transportation devices off Board property and in no way takes responsibility regarding the utilization of personal transportation devices on Board property, with the owner and operator of such devices being fully and wholly liable for any personal or property damage resulting from the operation of such devices. The operator of a personal transportation device must observe all safety rules, display courtesy and consideration toward others, and must abide by this Policy as well as all laws and ordinances regarding the operation of the relevant device. Operating or bringing a personal transportation device on Board property is a privilege and not a right. An administrator may temporarily or permanently revoke such privilege to the extent that a personal transportation device is operated in a negligent, reckless, or other manner that creates a risk of harm to the operator or others, or in a fashion that otherwise fails to comply with safety rules, laws, or ordinances. The decision of the administrator is subject to a school-level appeal, as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. Additional disciplinary action may result from the unsafe operation of a personal transportation device on Board property.

Under no circumstances are gas-powered personal transportation devices to be operated on Board property. Under no circumstances may an electric powered personal transportation device be operated on Board property at a speed that exceeds ~~two (2) miles per hour~~ **[x]** **five (5) \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour** **[END OF OPTION]**. Upon the request of an administrator, the operator of an electronic powered transportation device will dismount the device and walk the device to the appropriate storage area. Failure to comply with an administrator's request to dismount and walk such a device may subject the student to disciplinary action.

Students under the age of sixteen (16) are required by State law to wear a helmet.

The Board will not be responsible for personal mobility devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

**[END OF OPTION]**

The Board will not be responsible for **personal transportation devices** **bicycles** **which** **that** are lost, stolen, or damaged.

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