



ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To ensure the well-being of all of students, we are informing you of our policy on bike and e-bike safety. It is imperative that all students are aware of the rules and regulations, the responsibilities and the dangers of riding these vehicles. It is our hope that by working together we will help our students attain the knowledge necessary to ride safely.

Effective immediately, it is the policy of Ontario-Montclair School District that all students riding bikes and e-bikes, if allowed to and from school **MUST** wear a safety helmet. This is a state law, as well as a school rule. The helmet may not be held in the hands of students or carried on handlebars; **THEY MUST BE WORN**, while riding the bike or e-bike. Any child who enters the campus without a helmet on their head will have their bike or e-bike confiscated immediately. **Students cannot ride motorized scooters or level 3 e-bikes, as they must be age 16 or older.** The vehicle will not be released until a parent comes to campus to retrieve it.

Enclosed please find a Safety Agreement. If your child rides a bike or e-bike to school, the agreement must be signed by you and your child and returned to the front office as soon as possible. If the agreement is not kept, the student will not be allowed to ride his/her bike to school.

Please discuss the following critical traffic safety tips with your child:

- Cross streets only at designated crosswalks.
- Even when the light turns green at a stop signal, wait and ensure all cars have stopped before crossing.
- Always walk bikes and e-bikes when crossing the street in a crosswalk.
- Riding double on any vehicle is extremely dangerous and illegal.
- Be aware of municipal laws regarding riding on sidewalks.

Thank you for your attention. Ensuring the safety of our students remains a top priority.

Sincerely,



OMSD School Bikes & E-Bike Permission Slip

2025/26 School Year

Student Name: _____ **ID#:** _____
School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Students who plan to ride a bike and/or E-bike to school must complete the following:

Steps to Obtain Permission:

1. Complete Safety Agreement:

- Both the student and parent/guardian must complete and sign the agreement, indicating an understanding of the rules and expectations regarding the use of these modes of transportation on school grounds.

2. Review Safety Materials (E-Bike Use Only):

- Students are required to review a safety flyer.

Important Safety Rules:

- Wearing a helmet is mandatory.
- Students must walk their bikes or E-bikes, while on school grounds, including sidewalks adjacent to the school.

Consequences for Violations will be at the Administrator's discretion.

OMSD is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property while on district grounds.

By signing below, we acknowledge and agree to follow the rules and expectations outlined above.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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SAFETY AGREEMENT

We, at _____, agree that keeping our students safe while riding their _____ to school is a shared responsibility between the school, the parents and the student. This agreement outlines each of our responsibilities.

We, the school agree to . . .

- Teach traffic safety rules
- Enforce traffic safety rules and the California Safety Helmet Law

I, the student agrees to . . .

- Follow all traffic safety rules
- Always wear my safety helmet when riding a bike or e-bike
- Keep my bike or e-bike in good repair
- Always lock my bike or e-bike in a bicycle rack while at school
- Only ride one person on a bike or e-bike at a time
- Be responsible for the key to the e-bike
- Ride a motorized scooter or motorized skateboard only if age 16 or older

We, the parents agree to . . .

- Reinforce traffic safety rules at home
- Provide a bike lock and safety helmet for my child
- Make certain that my child's bike or e-bike is in good repair
- Support the school in reinforcing the rule requiring the wearing of a safety helmet

We, the undersigned agree to . . .

- Work together to ensure safety when riding a bike or e-bike to and from school

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Principal's Signature

Date

Date

Date

IT'S THE LAW

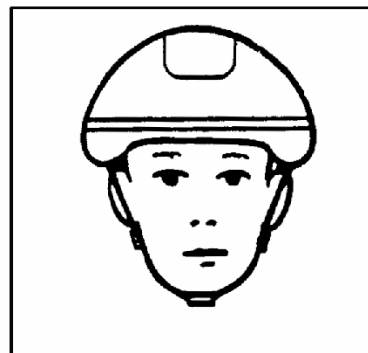
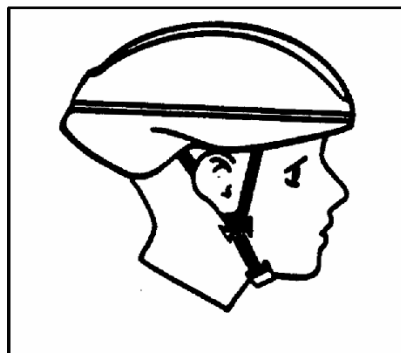
Children ages 17 and under must wear a safety helmet whenever riding a bike, e-bike, scooter and skateboard.

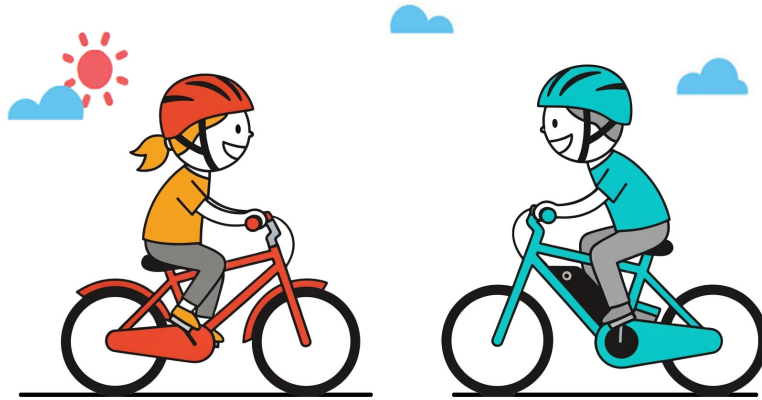
Children ages 16 and older are allowed to ride motorized scooters and motorized skateboards.

Wearing a safety helmet has been proven to prevent up to 85% of bicycle-related head injuries to children.

Make sure the helmet is fitted properly on the child's head for maximum protection.

- The straps must form a "V" on either side of the ears.
- The chin strap should have a 1/2 inch play.
- The helmet sits just above the eyebrows.





Basic Safety Tips for Bike & E-bike Users

Wear a helmet. Helmets are good for cyclists of all ages.

Stay visible. Wear brightly colored clothing for daytime riding.
At night, use reflective materials and lights (front white light + rear red light on e-bikes).

Use your bell or horn. A warning device alerts drivers, pedestrians, and other cyclists to your presence.

Ride on the right side and in a straight, single line. Obey traffic signs and signals.

Look, signal, and look again before changing lanes or turning.
Establish eye contact with drivers.

Don't wear earphones. You may wear one earbud, but keeping your ears clear is safer.

Ride predictably and defensively. Do not weave in and out of traffic and slow down in questionable situations.

Watch out for pedestrians or other path users and road hazards (i.e., car doors, wet pavement, objects in the path).

Keep your bike or e-bike maintained regularly. Inflate tires properly and follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

Learn local laws, where e-devices are allowed, and speed limits or regulations.

Always ride lawfully and responsibly.

E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...



Leave the building immediately.



Don't try to fight the fire.



Call 911.

**LEARN
MORE**

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on fire, electrical and related hazards

E-BIKE OR E-MOTORCYCLE?

With the increase in E-Bike popularity, the need for safety, education, and training is essential. Many “E-bikes” are **DANGEROUSLY** unlike traditional bikes: too fast for walking paths and not built with the safety requirements of our roads. Some E-bikes can travel at speeds that may classify them as motorcycles or vehicles. Young riders (untrained in road safety), combined with high-speed auto traffic, can result in major injuries or even death.

The California Highway Patrol offers a **FREE** training course in E-Bike Safety. Visit www.chp.ca.gov, to take the E-Bike training: “Electric Bicycle Safety and Training”.



4 KEY SAFETY TIPS

1

RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD

Like vehicles, bicyclists are required to ride on the right side of the road.

2

AVOID THE SIDEWALK

Avoid riding E-Bicycles on sidewalks, as it can be dangerous to pedestrians.

3

WEAR YOUR HELMET

Protect your head. If under 18, it's required by law.

4

MAINTENANCE

Always maintain your equipment. Regularly check brakes & tires before riding.

Questions? Consult the California Vehicle Code or DMV for more information regarding current laws.

E-BIKE OR E-MOTORCYCLE?

E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS



CLASS 1: PEDAL ASSIST

MAX 20 MPH
HELMET REQUIRED
UNDER 18



CLASS 2: THROTTLE ASSIST

MAX 20 MPH
HELMET REQUIRED
UNDER 18



CLASS 3: PEDAL ASSIST

MAX 28 MPH
*16+ YEARS OLD TO RIDE
HELMET REQUIRED FOR
ALL AGES

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW IN CALIFORNIA TO MODIFY OR TAMPER WITH ELECTRIC BICYCLES IN A WAY THAT CHANGES THE SPEED CAPABILITY, UNLESS THE RIDER ALSO CHANGES THE BIKE'S LABELED CLASSIFICATION PER CVC 24016(D).*

MOTORCYCLE LICENSE REQUIRED

NOT
E-BIKES

MOPED/MOTORIZED BICYCLE
MAX 30 MPH
CLASSIFIED AS A VEHICLE
DL REQUIRED



NOT
E-BIKES

***MOTORCYCLE/MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE**
SADDLE OR SEAT, NO PEDALS
MANY E-MOTORCYCLES SIMILAR
TO DIRT BIKES



**SOME E-MOTORCYCLES HAVE AFTERMARKET KITS USED TO DISGUISE THEM AS E-BICYCLES (ADDING FAKE PEDALS).*

THEY LACK REQUIREMENTS OF BICYCLES AND E-BIKES FOR LEGAL ON-ROAD USE,
INCLUDING HAVING **SPEED AND POWER LIMITS THAT EXCEED LEGAL LIMITS FOR ELECTRIC BIKES.**
DOESN'T HAVE REQUIRED SAFETY FEATURES REQUIRED FOR MOTORCYCLES.

MOPEDS, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, E-MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES ARE **VEHICLES** AND THEREFORE MAY
BE TOWED OR IMPOUNDED.