

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUHSD Parent/Caregiver Notice: E-Bike Policies and Regulations

Electronic Bikes (E-Bikes) and Electronic Scooters (E-Scooters)

- A Class 1 e-bike has a pedal-assisted motor. It provides power only when pedaling. The motor turns off when the bike hits 20 mph.
- A Class 2 e-bike is a throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor to propel the bicycle up to 20 mph even when the rider is not pedaling.
- A Class 3 e-bike provides pedal-assisted power up to 28 mph. All riders must wear a helmet while riding a Class 3 e-bike, regardless of age. Operators of Class 3 e-bikes **must be 16 or older**.
- *Electric motorcycles are not e-bikes. If the bike does not have pedals, it is not an e-bike.*

See *California Vehicle Code (CVC) §§312.5* [[here](#)]. Devices exceeding these limits are not legal e-bikes and may be subject to fines or other penalties.

- Super73 bikes, Class 3 e-bikes, and e-motorcycles are not permitted to be parked on any TUHSD campus.
- These devices may not be ridden on streets, sidewalks, or pathways. Some of these devices even have markings stating they are legal “class 2” e-bikes, when in fact they are not.
- Any bike that can travel faster than 20 miles per hour with a throttle or exert more than 750 watts of power is not an e-bike and is not legal, regardless of manufacturer claims. Registration of the vehicle in accordance with the school's parking policy.

In Marin County:

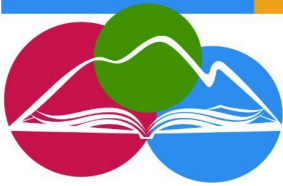
- You may ride a Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike on multi-use paved pathways maintained by the County of Marin.
- The speed limit for all bicycles is 15 mph on County-maintained pathways. Some pathways may have a speed limit of 10 mph. Always check the speed limit. Follow the Share the Path rules: be courteous, know the rules, and be responsible.
- **You CANNOT ride a Class 3 e-bike on a bike path. Class 3 e-bikes MUST be ridden in a bike lane or bike route. Class 3 e-bikes MUST stay on public roadways and in parking lots within Parks facilities.**

More information about Marin County regulations [[here](#)]

Per California Department of Motor Vehicles:

- All riders of Class 1 and 2 e-bikes under the age of 18 **must wear a bicycle safety helmet**.
- All riders of Class 3 electric bicycles must wear a bicycle safety helmet regardless of age. [[here](#)]

E-Bikes and E-Scooters may be used as a means of transportation to school. E-Motorcycles are not permitted to be ridden to school. During the school day, E-Bikes and E-Scooters must be parked in designated parking on



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campus. They may not be ridden to and from class or in the corridors or the paths on campus. They may be used during approved off-campus lunches.

E-Bike or E-Scooter driving and parking on campus are privileges reserved for students who meet the following conditions:

- Consistent observation of all traffic and parking laws;
- Safe operation of the E-Bike/E-Scooter at all times;
- Adherence to school parking policies; and,

Students in violation of school, district, state, or local ordinances, rules, or policies are subject to school disciplinary actions which may include the suspension of, or termination of, parking privileges or suspension from school. Students may also be ticketed by local law enforcement agencies.

- Students who do not receive permits and park on local streets must obey parking laws and follow common sense. Failure to follow the law when parking off campus may result in disciplinary action at school. Additional information is located on each school's website or in the site Handbook Addendum.