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Bicycle Rider Contract

Dear Students and Families,

Lake Washington School District permits students of age 10 and older to ride bikes to school. Because we want to do everything we can to assure that riders are educated in the safe and responsible operation of their bicycles, there are certain conditions that will have to be met to qualify before the school's permission to ride will be granted. These conditions are:

- Parent or guardian's permission must be given.
- Student will sign this contract agreeing to observe all conditions.
- Student will wear a bicycle helmet at all times when operating the bicycle.
- All bikes must be walked on the school grounds 30 minutes prior to school start until 30 minutes after school ends.
- Student will make sure bicycle is locked securely to the bike rack during school hours.
- Give pedestrians the right of way.
- If any of the conditions of this contract are not observed, student riding privilege may be withdrawn.

Although we try to provide a safe and secure area for bicycle storage, neither Rosa Parks Elementary School nor the Lake Washington School District can take responsibility for lost, stolen or vandalized bicycles on either school property or while en route to or from school.

Student Statement: In order to ride my bicycle to school, I agree to the conditions in this contract. I also agree that I need to be concerned about the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles as well as my own safety when operating my bicycle. I will walk my bike on the sidewalks and follow all adults' directions. I will wear my helmet and lock my bike. I realize that the school is not responsible for the care and protection of my bike.

Student's Printed name

Teacher

Student's Signature

Grade

Parent/Guardian Statement: I give my permission for the above-named student to ride his/her bicycle to school and agree with the conditions of the contract.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Bike/scooter riders are responsible for following these rules. Students who violate these rules risk the suspension or loss of their bike/scooter riding privileges.

1. All bikes/scooters must be parked in the bike rack.
2. All bikes/scooters must be walked on and off the school grounds. Bike/scooter riding is not permitted on the school grounds during school hours.
3. Every bike/scooter must have a lock. This is the best means of preventing someone from riding your bike/scooter. You must have your own lock and not share with a friend.
4. Every rider must wear an approved safety helmet when riding to and from Rosa Parks Elementary.
5. All bike/scooter riders must have an approved "Safe Bike/Scooter Club Membership Registration" form on file in the office.
6. Bike/scooter riders shall use all hand signals employed by the driver of a car. (Applicants should learn these if they do not know them before riding their bike.)
7. Keep to the right and ride in a single file. Keep a safe distance behind all vehicles.
8. Look out for cars pulling out into traffic. Keep sharp lookout for sudden opening of car doors.
9. Never hitch on other vehicles, "stunt" or race in traffic. Never ride two people on a bike/scooter.
10. Ride in a straight line. Do not weave in or out of traffic or swerve from side to side.
11. Slow down at all street intersections and look to the right and to the left before crossing. Stop at stop signs! At all intersections, where school patrol is present, riders must dismount and cross in the crosswalk, pushing their bike/scooter as a pedestrian.
12. Both hands should be used in steering the bike/scooter, except when using one hand for signaling.
13. Be sure brakes operate efficiently and keep the bike/scooter in perfect running condition.
14. Give pedestrians the right of way. Since pedestrians and bikes/scooters share sidewalks and other paths. Special care must be taken, as walkers have the right of way.
15. Private property must always be respected.

File: EEAB The Lake Washington School District works in partnership with the cities of Kirkland, Sammamish, and Redmond as well as King County for the purpose of developing suggested walking routes for elementary students. These routes are developed and reviewed by a district Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee. Members of the committee include members from local jurisdictions, parents, and district staff. All routes will be reviewed annually. The Committee will use the most current version of the Washington State School Walk and Bike Routes: A Guide for Planning and Improving Walk and Bike to School Options for Students as guidance for the annual review.

The district encourages the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation to school when safe. Bicycle routes designated by the local cities and county are included in the Suggested Walk Route maps. All elementary students above the age of 10 may ride a bicycle to school with a completed permission form signed by the parent/guardian. For students under the age of 10, an adult needs to accompany the student both to school and on the return home. Adopted: LEGAL REFS.: 08/24/15 W AC392.151.025

REFS: School Walk and Bike Routes: A Guide for Planning and Improving Walk and Bike to School Options for Students (Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State Department of Health).