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Dear EI Families,

The District was recently informed of an off-campus accident involving an e-bike. We are thankful that the individual is working towards recovery. As you may be aware, this incident comes on the heels of similar events across our region. Given these concerns, I want to take a moment to emphasize important safety expectations related to e-bike use both in our community and on school property.

E-bikes have become increasingly popular because they offer convenience, speed, and independence. However, they are also powerful motorized vehicles capable of reaching high speeds. When combined with traffic conditions, limited visibility at night, and the inexperience of younger riders, the likelihood of serious injury increases significantly. The Suffolk County Police Department recently issued updated guidelines and laws regarding e-bike and e-scooter operation, which are included for your review.

To maintain a safe environment for all students, staff, and community members, please note the following District expectations:

- E-bikes, e-scooters, and golf carts are not permitted on school grounds at any time, including during the school day, evenings, weekends, and when school is not in session.
- If students use a traditional bike or scooter as transportation to and from school, they must walk the bike or scooter while on campus to ensure safe movement around walkways and arrival/dismissal areas.

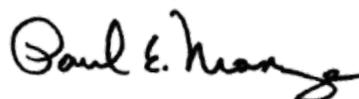
In alignment with SCPD guidance, families should also be aware of the following laws for e-bike and e-scooter operators in our community:

- Riders must be at least 16 years old and must wear a helmet.
- E-bikes and e-scooters cannot be operated on sidewalks or on roads with a speed limit above 30 MPH.
- Operators must stop at red lights and stop signs and obey all other traffic controls.
- Reckless riding, including zig-zagging, trick riding, or weaving through traffic, is prohibited.
- Passengers are not allowed, and riders must not carry items that obstruct visibility or the ability to operate safely.
- E-bikes capable of exceeding 28 MPH are classified as motorcycles under NYS law and are subject to strict vehicle & traffic regulations.

Our goal is to keep all students, staff and members of our community safe and informed. We will continue to educate students about responsible riding, and we encourage you to review these safety expectations at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students and community safe.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Manzo
Superintendent of Schools



Suffolk County Police Department **Guide on E-Bike & E-Scooters**

In an effort to educate and ensure the safety of the public, the Suffolk County Police Department would like to make sure that parents and students are aware of and adhere to the following laws governing the operation of e-bikes & e-scooters.

Individuals operating e-bikes & e-scooters:

1. must be at least sixteen (16) years of age;
2. must be wearing a helmet while operating (per Suffolk County Code);
3. cannot operate on a sidewalk;
4. cannot operate on a roadway with a speed limit over 30 MPH;
5. must stop at red lights, stop signs and adhere to all other traffic controls;
6. cannot operate in a reckless manner (zig-zagging, trick riding, etc.);
7. cannot have passengers;
8. must operate on the right side of the road and flow with traffic; and
9. cannot carry any item that obstructs their vision or affects their ability to operate.

Failure to adhere to the above laws may result in the e-bike/e-scooter being impounded and/or the operator being issued a summons or being subject to arrest.

Please review the attached chart for information on the classifications of e-bikes & e-scooters.

****For e-bikes, if the motor is capable of propelling the bike faster than 28 MPH, it is considered a motorcycle and subject to the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law.****

Electric Bicycles & More

Not everything is an e-bike. Know the differences - and always ride legally and safely.



Know the difference

	E-Bike Class 1	E-Bike Class 2	E-Bike Class 3	Moped Class C	Moped Class B	Moped Class A	E-Scooters
	Electric Bike with Pedal Assist	Electric Bike, Throttle up to 20 MPH, Operable Pedals	Electric Bike, Throttle up to 25 MPH, Operable Pedals	Limited Use Motorcycle, Low-speed, 2-3 Wheels	Limited Use Motorcycle, Low-speed, 2-3 Wheels	Limited Use Motorcycle, Low-speed, 2-3 Wheels	Device with handlebars, a floorboard or seat, weighing less than 100 lbs. Can be powered by electric and/or human power
							
How fast can I go?	20 MPH	20 MPH	25 MPH	20 MPH	30 MPH	40 MPH	15 MPH
Do I need a license?	No	No	No	Yes, Driver's License	Yes, Driver's License	Yes, Driver's License Endorsement	No
Do I need to register my bike?	No	No	No	Yes, Must be registered with NYS DMV, must have license plates & VINs	Yes, Must be registered with NYS DMV, must have license plates & VINs	Yes, Must be registered with NYS DMV, must have license plates & VINs	No
Where can I ride?	Bike Lanes* and streets with speed limits no greater than 30 MPH	Bike Lanes* and streets with speed limits no greater than 30 MPH	Bike Lanes* and streets with speed limits no greater than 30 MPH	Right lane and/or shoulder** (except when making a left turn)	Right lane and/or shoulder** (except when making a left turn)	Vehicle Lanes **	Bike Lanes* and streets with speed limits no greater than 30 MPH
Do I need to wear a helmet?	Yes, Required by law	Yes, Required by law	Yes, Required by law	Recommended	Yes, Required by law	Yes, Required by law	Recommended for all, Required for 16-17 year olds

Not Legal E-mobility Devices

The following are examples of illegal e-mobility devices

Moped (without license plate or VIN)



Electric Skateboard



Segway



Hoverboards



Electric unicycle (two types)



*including on bridges

** Including vehicle lanes on bridges