



Suffolk County Legislature

Office of Legislator Jim Mazarella

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BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

POSTER CONTEST

Contest Rules

Each participating student should create a poster with the title "Bicycle Safety." The winning poster will be used as the cover to next year's brochure.

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Please be sure to add the following information to your poster:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Grade
- ❖ School
- ❖ Teacher's Name

* Please use white poster board or paper no larger than 22" x 30".

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



ANTHONY A. PICCIRILLO, PRESIDING OFFICER

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Presiding Officer Anthony A. Piccirillo

DATE: January 21, 2026

RE: Bicycle Safety Poster and Video Contests

Resolutions 164-2021 and 165-2021 establish an elementary school student poster contest and a video contest for middle and high school students. All Legislators are invited to promote bicycle safety among Suffolk County's youth, promote safe bicycle operation, and reduce reckless biking by contacting schools in your districts to encourage students to participate in these annual contests.

The Suffolk County Police Department has provided the guidelines on the following page for students to use to create their entries.

- ❑ Each Legislator should notify the superintendents of school districts within their legislative district of the poster and video contests. A sample letter is enclosed for your reference. The included participant label should be attached to the student's poster.
- ❑ Each Legislator will choose one elementary school student poster and one middle/high school student video to represent his/her legislative district. Submissions are due to Peggy Allar in the Presiding Officer's office **no later than February 27, 2026.**
- ❑ The Budget Review Office shall select one winning elementary school poster and one winning middle/high school video to be used as part of countywide messaging disseminated by the Suffolk County Police Department. The winning submissions will be announced at the April 21st General Meeting of the Legislature.

Please email Peggy Allar at peggy.allar@suffolkcountyny.gov with any questions. Thank you.

Rules of the Road for Bicycle Safety

Ride an appropriately-sized bicycle; a bicycle that is too big or too small for you can impact your ability to operate it safely on the road.

Ride in a straight line, single file.

Ride with the traffic flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as traffic.

Obey all traffic signs and signals.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars except when signaling a turn or stop.

Stop and look left-right-left for traffic before entering a street.

Walk your bike across an intersection.

Stay alert-use your ears to listen for traffic. Don't wear earphones while riding.

Watch for parked cars and cars pulling out or into parking spaces or driveways.

Check your equipment. Make sure your bike tires are properly inflated and that the brakes work.

Don't forget your bicycle helmet. Wear it flat on your head and buckled!

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2021, ESTABLISHING A BICYCLE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, many individuals throughout the County utilize bicycles for recreational purposes or as a primary mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, school-age children are encouraged to ride bicycles, as it is an environmentally friendly activity which promotes exercise, improves balance and motor skills, and encourages knowledge of the rules of the road; and

WHEREAS, it is important to spread awareness and educate Suffolk County's youth on the importance of bicycle safety in order to reduce the potential for serious accidents; and

WHEREAS, an annual poster contest related to bicycle safety for elementary school students would serve to increase awareness of this critical safety issue among children and their parents and may help prevent accidents and encourage safe bicycling practices; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature shall conduct an annual "Bicycle Safety" campaign in public elementary schools throughout Suffolk County, inviting students to participate in a poster contest requiring a student's interpretation of bicycle safety to educate both bicyclists and motorists; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that any legislator who wishes to participate in this contest shall send a letter and a copy of the "Bicycle Safety" pamphlet, published pursuant to the 5th RESOLVED clause of this Resolution, to the Superintendents of the public-school district(s) located within his or her legislative district, advising the school(s) of the contest; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that each participating legislator shall judge entries made by elementary school students and recommend one (1) winner from each school in their district as a finalist. Participating legislators shall recommend one (1) of the finalist posters to the Presiding Officer to represent their respective legislative districts; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the deadline for submitting eligible posters shall be February 28th of each year beginning in 2022; the Legislative Budget Review Office shall select the winning poster, which shall be announced by the Presiding Officer at the first regular scheduled meeting of the Legislature in April each year; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to prepare or obtain a publication on "Bicycle Safety" for dissemination to the public by September 1, 2021, and beginning in 2022, shall distribute such publication to all legislators and the public on or before January 15th of each year, incorporating the prior year's poster contest winner into the materials, if possible; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) and (33) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 16, 2021

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date:

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2021, ESTABLISHING A BICYCLE SAFETY VIDEO CONTEST FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, many individuals throughout the County utilize bicycles as either their primary mode of transportation or for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, school-age children are encouraged to ride bicycles, as it is an environmentally friendly activity which promotes exercise, improves balance and motor skills, and encourages knowledge of the rules of the road; and

WHEREAS, it is important to spread awareness and educate Suffolk County's youth on the importance of bicycle safety in order to reduce reckless bicycling and the potential for serious accidents; and

WHEREAS, an annual video contest related to bicycle safety for middle and high school students would serve to increase awareness of this critical safety issue among children and their parents and may help prevent accidents involving bicyclists; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature shall conduct an annual "Bicycle Safety" campaign in public middle schools and high schools throughout Suffolk County, inviting students to participate in a video contest requiring a student's interpretation of bicycle safety to educate both bicyclists and motorists; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that any legislator who wishes to participate in this contest shall send a letter and a copy of the "Bicycle Safety" pamphlet, published pursuant to the 5th RESOLVED clause of this Resolution, to the Superintendent(s) of the public-school district(s) located within his or her legislative district, advising the school(s) of the contest; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that each participating legislator shall judge entries made by middle school and high school students and recommend one (1) winner from each school in their district as a finalist. Participating legislators shall recommend one (1) of the finalist videos to the Presiding Officer to represent their respective legislative districts; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the deadline for submitting eligible videos shall be February 28th of each year beginning in 2022; the Legislative Budget Review Office shall select the winning video, which shall be announced by the Presiding Officer at the first regular scheduled meeting of the Legislature in April each year; and be it further

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