## SAFETY EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

### Ride Responsibly:

- Wear a helmet every ride
- Obey traffic signals and stop signs
- Ride predictably
- Yield to pedestrians
- Keep both hands available for control
- Use proper lighting at dusk, dawn, and nighttime

### Avoid Dangerous Behavior:

- No stunt riding near traffic or schools
- No distracted riding
- No carrying passengers unless designed for it
- No reckless riding in parking lots or sidewalks
- No riding where prohibited by law or local ordinance

### Enforcement Reminders:

- Class 3 violations and improper riding locations may result in traffic infractions
- Operating an unregistered or unlicensed e-motorcycle may result in criminal charges or impound
- Local city codes may include additional restrictions

### Parents & Guardians:

Parents are encouraged to:

- Know what type of vehicle their student is riding
- Check for required manufacturer labels
- Review local laws and expectations
- Ensure bikes are age-appropriate and legal
- Encourage safe riding habits

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFETY

By reinforcing safe riding expectations at home and at school, we can help keep students and our community safe.

## QUICK REMINDER:

✓ **E-Bike = Bicycle Rules**

✓ **E-Motorcycle = Motor Vehicle Rules**

### Safety First

- ***Slow down***
- ***Watch for pedestrians***
- ***Wear a helmet***
- ***Ride responsibly***



### Questions?

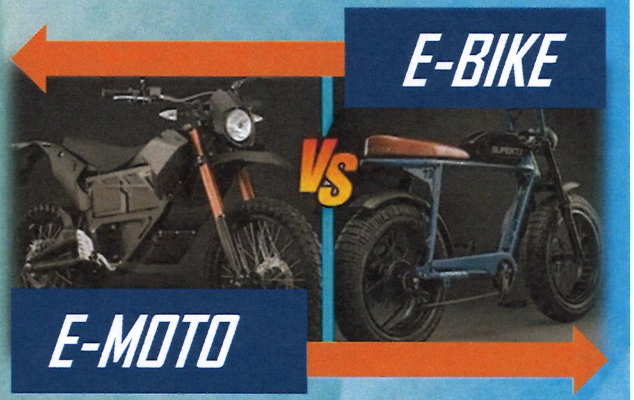
Contact your School Resource Officer, the Sumner Police Department or the Sumner Bonney Lake School District for additional information regarding e-bike and e-motorcycle laws and safety expectations.

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# SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY WA STATE LAW

## HELPING STUDENTS & FAMILIES:

- ✓ Ride Safely
- ✓ Understand the Difference
- ✓ Follow the Law
- ✓ Protect Yourself & Others

## What Is an E-Bike?

An e-bike is a bicycle equipped with operable pedals and an electric motor with a power output of 750 watts or less.

## Washington State Definition

E-bikes are legally treated as bicycles in Washington State when they:

- Have 2 or 3 wheels
- Have operable pedals
- Have an electric motor of 750 watts or less
- Include a manufacturer label showing class, top speed, and wattage

## E-Bikes:



- Operate more like bicycles than motorcycles
- May include pedal-assist or throttle systems
- Are quieter and lower speed than e-motorcycles
- Must obey bicycle traffic laws

## Requirements:

- No driver's license required
- No registration required
- No insurance required
- Helmets required/recommended by local policy

## Riders Must:

- Follow bicycle traffic laws
- Ride safely around pedestrians
- Use lights and reflectors at night
- Stay alert and distraction-free
- Obey posted speed limits

## Understanding E-Bike Classes:

### Class 1

- Pedal-assist only
- Motor works only while pedaling
- Maximum assisted speed: 20 mph
- Any age may operate
- Allowed on most bike paths and bike lanes

### Class 2

- Equipped with a throttle
- Can operate without pedaling
- Maximum speed: 20 mph
- Any age may operate
- Allowed in many of the same places as Class 1

### Class 3

- Pedal-assist only
- Maximum assisted speed: 28 mph
- Riders must be 16 years or older
- No passengers under 16
- Speedometer required
- Not allowed on shared-use paths, sidewalks, or non-motorized trails unless specifically permitted

## Where E-Bikes Can Ride

- Roads and bike lanes where bicycles are permitted
- Class 1 & 2 allowed on many shared-use paths
- Limited-access highways prohibited
- Natural surface non-motorized trails prohibited unless posted open

***No E- bike can be ridden in the downtown or business district of Sumner***

***No E-bikes are allowed on sidewalks***

## What Is an E-Motorcycle?

Any 2- or 3-wheeled electric vehicle without operable pedals — or exceeding e-bike specifications — is considered an e-motorcycle under Washington law.

## E-Motorcycles:

- Do not have pedals
- Operate like motorcycles or mopeds
- Can reach significantly higher speeds
- Are treated as motor vehicles
- Are not considered e-bikes

## Legal Requirements:



- Motorcycle endorsement required
- Must be operated by a licensed driver (16+)
- Registration required
- License plate required
- Insurance required
- Helmets required for riders and passengers under 18

## Required Equipment:

- Headlight
- Taillight and brake light
- Turn signals
- Mirrors
- Horn
- DOT-approved tires

## Where E-Motorcycles Can Ride

- Allowed on public roads and highways
- Not allowed on sidewalks
- Not allowed on bike lanes or bike paths
- Not allowed on shared-use or non-motorized trails
- Lane splitting prohibited