

E-Bikes and E-Scooters: Arizona definitions that apply to the City of Phoenix

- A legal **e-bike** must have fully operable pedals and an electric motor under 750 watts:
 - Class 1: pedal assist up to 20 mph.
 - Class 2: may use a throttle, with assistance ending at 20 mph.
 - Class 3: pedal assist only, ending at 28 mph.
- A legal **electric stand-up scooter** weighs less than 75 pounds and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.
- Compliant e-bikes and e-scooters are generally treated like bicycles and do not require a driver's license, title, registration, vehicle insurance, or vehicle license tax. Local governments may establish additional restrictions.
- Devices with no operable pedals, motors of 750 watts or more, or motor assistance above the legal class limits may not qualify as e-bikes. They may instead be classified as motor-driven cycles or electric motorcycles.
- A motor-driven cycle or motorcycle generally requires a Class M license, registration, insurance, and required vehicle equipment. Arizona's minimum age for a Class M license is 16. Riders under 18 must wear a helmet, and eye protection is generally required.

Rules by jurisdiction

City of Phoenix

- E-bike riders must be **at least 16 years old**.
- E-scooter riders must be **at least 16 years old**.
- E-bikes and e-scooters may **not be operated on sidewalks**.
- Motor-driven cycles are treated as motor vehicles and require licensing, registration, insurance, required equipment, and a motorcycle endorsement.
- Helmets are required for motor-driven-cycle operators or passengers under 18.

Campus implication: Elementary and middle school students cannot legally operate an e-bike or e-scooter on public rights-of-way within Phoenix because they are under 16.

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Personal Transportation and Compliance with Local Laws

Personal Transportation and Compliance with Local Laws Students and parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that all forms of personal transportation used to travel to and from school, including but not limited to, bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, and similar devices, are operated in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, and safety requirements. Students must follow all traffic laws and safety regulations, including applicable helmet laws. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in school-based consequences and/or restrictions.

The District expects all personal transportation devices brought onto campus to be operated safely and secured appropriately in designated areas. Students are responsible for the proper use and storage of these items while on school grounds.

The school retains the authority to restrict or prohibit a student from bringing, storing, or securing personal transportation devices on campus if the student has demonstrated unsafe behavior, violation of laws, or actions that pose a safety concern to themselves or others while traveling to or from school.