

CLARK HILL POLICY SERVICE

7.23 ELECTRIC BICYCLES (E-BIKES), ELECTIC MOTORCYCLES (E-MOTOS) AND OTHER MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe environment for students, staff, parents, and visitors on District Property. The Board recognizes that students and visitors may use electric bicycles (“E-Bikes”), electric motorcycles (“E-Motos”) and other motorized personal transportation devices for transportation to and from school. This Policy establishes requirements governing the possession, operation, storage, and use of E-Bikes and E-Motos and other motorized personal transportation devices on District property and at District-sponsored events.

A. Definitions

For purposes of this Policy:

The term “E-Bike” means a bicycle equipped with a seat or saddle, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and limited to no more than 28 mph and meeting the definition of an electric bicycle under applicable Michigan law (either Class 1, 2 or 3).

The term “E-Moto” means an electric motorbike that does not meet Michigan's definition of an E-Bike, exceeds 750 watts of power, can exceed 28 mph, functions primarily as a throttle-powered vehicle above 20 mph, and lacks fully operable pedals.

The term “Motorized Personal Transportation Device” means any electrically or mechanically powered transportation device designed for personal mobility, including electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, and similar devices.

The term “District Property” means any school building, school grounds, athletic facility, parking lot, playground, vehicle, or other property owned, leased, or controlled by the District.

B. General Rule

Students, employees, and visitors may bring an E-Bike, E-Moto or a Motorized Personal Transportation Device onto District property only in accordance with this Policy, corresponding Administrative Guidelines or other rules established by the Superintendent or Designee.

The District reserves the right to restrict or prohibit E-Bikes, E-Motos and other Motorized Personal Transportation Devices at specific locations or events when necessary to protect safety, security, or District operations.

C. Operation on School Property

1. E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices
 - a. E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices shall be operated safely and responsibly at all times.
 - b. E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices may be ridden individuals to and from District Property, however, once the individual reaches the school zone, the individual must dismount the E-Bike or Motorized Personal Transportation Device and walk the E-Bikes or Motorized Personal Transportation Device on District Property.
 - c. No person shall operate an E-Bike or Motorized Personal Transportation Device:
 - i. Inside a school building;
 - ii. On sidewalks, walkways or driveways on District Property or immediately adjacent to District Property;
 - iii. In a manner that endangers persons or property;

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- iv. At excessive speeds; or
 - v. During school hours in areas designated by the administration as pedestrian-only zones.
 - d. Riders shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.
 - e. School administrators may require riders to dismount and walk E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices in other designated areas for safety purposes.
2. E-Motos
- a. Under Michigan law, E-Motos are classified as motor vehicles and as such must be registered and operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
 - b. Students may not bring or operate E-Motos on elementary or middle school District Property.
 - c. At the high school level, students may bring a qualifying E-Moto to school only when the student and E-Moto meet the applicable Michigan requirements for operation and use of the E-Moto, including any required license or endorsement, registration, insurance, and safety equipment. The vehicle must also be registered with the school and have an approved student parking permit.
 - d. No person shall operate an E-Moto:
 - i. Inside a school building;
 - ii. On sidewalks or walkways on District Property or immediately adjacent to District Property;
 - iii. In a manner that endangers persons or property;
 - iv. At excessive speeds; or
 - v. During school hours in areas designated by the administration as pedestrian-only zones.
 - e. Riders shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.
 - f. School administrators may require riders to dismount and walk E-Motos in other designated areas for safety purposes.

D. Parking and Storage

- 1. Students shall park E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices only in locations designated by the administration.
- 2. E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices may be secured to approved bicycle racks or other designated storage facilities.
- 3. E-Bikes and Motorized Personal Transportation Devices may not be stored within classrooms, hallways, stairwells, offices, locker rooms, mechanical rooms, or other indoor locations unless specifically authorized by the administration.
- 4. The District assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to any E-Bike and Motorized Personal Transportation Device brought onto District property.
- 5. E-Motos may only be parked in designated parking spaces in the parking lot of the building as approved by administration.

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E. Battery Safety

1. Charging of E-Bike, E-Moto and Motorized Personal Transportation Device batteries on District property is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent or Designee.
2. No battery may be brought into a school building if the battery appears damaged, modified, leaking, overheating, or otherwise unsafe.
3. The District may prohibit any device that poses a fire, electrical, or safety hazard.

F. Student Compliance

Students who use an E-Bike, E-Moto and Motorized Personal Transportation Device to travel to or from school shall comply with:

- This policy and any corresponding Administrative Guidelines;
- Applicable school rules;
- Michigan traffic laws;
- Directions from school personnel.

Failure to comply may result in loss of the privilege of bringing an E-Bike, E-Moto and Motorized Personal Transportation Device onto District property, student discipline consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, and/or referral to law enforcement when appropriate.

G. Students With Disabilities

Nothing in this Policy shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of mobility devices or other equipment required as a reasonable accommodation under applicable federal or state law.

H. Administrative Regulations

The Superintendent or Designee may develop Administrative Guidelines addressing:

- Designated parking locations;
- Registration or identification procedures;
- Safety requirements;
- Traffic flow patterns;
- Restrictions applicable to particular campuses or grade levels; and
- Other matters necessary to implement this Policy.

I. Delegation

The Superintendent is authorized to take appropriate action to enforce this Policy and to adopt Administrative Guidelines consistent with Board direction and this Policy.