

Policy Code: 4332 Use of E-Bikes

The board is committed to creating a safe environment for all students, staff, and community members. Electric assisted bicycles and other electric personal assistive mobility devices (collectively, “E-Bikes”) provide a mode of transportation to and from school for students but also present unique safety risks when operated by students on school property. Therefore, students are permitted to possess E-Bikes on school property but are not permitted to operate them in any manner.

A. Definitions

1. Electric Assisted Bicycle

An electric assisted bicycle is a bicycle or other similar transportation device with two or three wheels that is equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider and an electric motor capable of propelling the bicycle, although the bicycle may also have fully operable pedals for simultaneous or independent human propulsion.

2. Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device

An electric personal assistive mobility device is a self-balancing device, designed to transport one person, with an electric propulsion system including but not limited to electric scooters and other small electric- or battery-powered transportation devices. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this policy shall prohibit the use of electric wheelchairs required for mobility due to a permanent or temporary disability or injury.

B. Prohibited Behavior

In support of the board’s commitment to safety, and due to the risk of injury to students and others, students are prohibited from operating, riding, and/or otherwise using E-Bikes on school grounds, including sidewalks, parking lots, and walkways; in school buildings; at any school-related activity; or at any time when a student is subject to the supervision of school personnel, including school trips. For the purpose of this policy, prohibited “use” includes, but is not limited to, propelling an E-Bike by a mode of human propulsion other than walking even when the electric or battery-powered device is not in operation (e.g., pedaling).

C. Consequences

The consequences for engaging in prohibited behavior shall be imposed in accordance with policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies, and policy 4300-R Code of Student Conduct.

D. Possession of E-Bikes Permitted

Although students are prohibited from operating, riding, or using E-Bikes on school property, students may possess E-Bikes on school property; provided, however, that all E-Bikes must be walked. E-Bikes must also be parked or stored in designated areas on school property as required by policy 6325, Parking Areas for Students.

When students are not on school property, students are strongly encouraged to:

1. Wear a helmet at all times while riding E-Bikes;
2. Obey all traffic laws; and
3. Operate E-Bikes in a safe manner.

E. Notice

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that adequate notice is given to students and school personnel of this policy.

Legal References: [G.S. 20-4.01](#)(7a), (7b)

Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300), Code of Student Conduct (regulation 4300-R), Parking Areas for Students (policy 6325)

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