

# POLICY

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The safety of students, staff members, school visitors, and others while on school grounds is of significant importance to the Board of Education. A student's use of a vehicle and/or other modes of transportation on school grounds has the potential to present a safety hazard for the student operator and to other students, staff members, school visitors and others while on school grounds.

X Students in grades 12 are permitted to drive their automobile to and from school and park in the area designated for student parking.

X The student must register their automobile with the Principal or designee who will provide the student with school rules for driving and parking on school grounds. The school's rules may require a permit that must be affixed on a window or be clearly visible from outside the automobile when the automobile is parked on school grounds.

Secondary school students are permitted to ride their bicycles to schools.

Principals of elementary schools can determine annually if students who attend their schools are allowed to ride bicycles. This Principal's decision shall be driven by their professional opinion and administrative experience encompassing the review of all current safety implications. The Director of Safety and Security will be consulted as needed to support this review. Elementary students permitted to ride bicycles to school must comply with all applicable components of this policy.

Students riding bicycles to school **must wear a helmet and** comply with all applicable State and local laws for operating a bicycle. The Principal of each school may develop school rules for the operation of the student's bicycle on school grounds. Students must park and lock their bicycles in an area outside the school building designated by the Principal. A bicycle may not be brought into the school building without the Principal's permission.

X Students are permitted to bring on school grounds non-motorized **devices such as** skateboards, scooters, roller skates, or any other non-motorized mode of transportation the student may use to get to and from school. The Principal shall determine if such items may be brought into the school building during the school day.

Students that bring these items to school must comply with all applicable State and local laws for operation. The Principal of each school may develop school rules for the



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operation of the student's non-motorized items on school grounds and if such items can be brought into school and where such items shall be stored, in or outside the building, during the school day.

Students are not permitted to bring any motorized devices such as a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, hoverboard, or any other motorized mode of transportation on school grounds during the school day.

The Principal of each school building may revoke the privilege of a student's use of any vehicle or mode of transportation permitted by this Policy for the student's failure to follow the provisions of this Policy and any requirements of State or local law or any school rule. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for the loss, damage, or theft of any vehicle or any mode of transportation permitted on school grounds in accordance with this Policy.

~~The Board prohibits the operation or possession of scooters, skateboards, and in-line skates, on school grounds, and on school buses.~~

~~The Board will permit the use of bicycles, by students in grades five through twelve in accordance with district rules provided such students present written parental approval, and have been granted permission by the building principal.~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop and disseminate regulations for the operation and parking of vehicles on school grounds. Permission to operate a vehicle on school grounds may be revoked for a student's failure to observe rules.~~

~~The Board will not be responsible for any vehicle that is lost, stolen, or damaged.~~

~~N.J.S.A. 39:4-10, et seq.~~

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