

هذه المعلومات مهمة. ترجمنا هذا المحتوى إلى عدة لغات وهي موصولة شبكيًا فيما يلي.

此乃重要信息。此内容翻译成多种语言,详见以下链接。

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Esta información es importante. Hemos traducido este contenido a varios idiomas y encontrará los vínculos a continuación.

Ang impormasyong ito ay mahalaga. Ang nilalaman nito ay isinalin sa iba't-ibang mga wika at ito'y may kanya-kanyang link sa ibaba.

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

RE: E-bikes and e-scooters on school property

As we settle into the new school year, we are bringing your attention to important safety concerns about the use of e-scooters and e-bikes on Surrey Schools property.

Recently, the <u>City of Surrey announced</u> e-scooters are not permitted on public property – including roadways, sidewalks or public parks within Surrey. The City also published concerns regarding improper storage and charging, leading to the potential risk of fire or explosion.

As a result, Surrey Schools will not permit the use or storage of electric scooters on Surrey Schools property.

Electric Scooters

As you may know, the Province of British Columbia launched the E-Scooter Pilot Project (the "Pilot") on April 5, 2024. Under this initiative, e-scooters may only be used on public roads in municipalities that are participating in the Pilot. Please note that the cities of Surrey and White Rock are not participating municipalities. According to provincial guidance, electric scooters cannot be ridden on public roads or sidewalks in municipalities not included in the Pilot.

In addition, our school communities have raised the following concerns:

- **Safety:** Repeated concerns from Surrey Schools staff, parents, and the wider community regarding speed around vehicles and younger children and a lack of helmets.
- **Storage:** Issues related to misplaced, stolen, or damaged electric scooters. Surrey Schools is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of personal property brought onto school district premises (Surrey Schools Policy 5809).

E-Bikes

With respect to e-bikes, the <u>Motor Assisted Cycle (E-Bike) Regulation</u> outlines specific legal requirements, including age restrictions. As a reminder:

- Students must be at least **14 years old** to ride a light e-bike.
- Students must be at least **16 years old** to ride a standard e-bike.



Please review the definitions of standard and light e-bikes to ensure compliance: <u>E-bike requirements</u>. Surrey Schools expects students to dismount e-bikes when on school property. In addition, e-bikes may not be charged at school or stored inside school buildings.

Final Note

This is an evolving landscape with restrictive regulations for children and youth. We encourage parents and guardians to carefully review the applicable regulations before permitting their child to use an escooter on private property: E-scooter rules and safety.

A reminder as we move forward, as per <u>Surrey Schools Policy 5809</u>, Surrey Schools is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of personal property, including e-scooters and e-bikes brought onto school property.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff, students, and community.

Sincerely, Surrey Schools