STUDENT E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER REGULATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS

"E-Bike" is a general term used to describe electric bicycles; however, there are two types of bicycles under this term that are being addressed by our school:

- **Low-Speed Electric Bicycles (LSEB)**: a two-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and electric motor of less than 750 watts, equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- **Motorized Bicycles (MB):** a pedal bicycle having a helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50cc. or said motor is rated at no more that 1.5 brake horsepower or is powered by an electric drive motor. The bicycle is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 mph on a flat surface or a pedal bicycle having an electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 20 mph with a maximum motor-powered speed of no more than 28 mph on a flat surface.

Bike Notes:

- According to NJSA 39:4-12, regarding bikes and LSEBs, you may carry passengers only up to the number of permanent seats the bike is designed and equipped to carry.
- According to NJSA 39-4-14.3d, a motorized bicycle (MB) shall carry only the operator.

"Motorized Scooters" are a general term for miniature motor vehicles. For more clarification:

- **Low-Speed Electric Scooters (LSES):** a scooter with a floorboard that can be stood upon by the operator with handlebars and electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion at a maximum speed of less than 19 miles per hour.
- **Micromobility Vehicles (MV):** a miniature motor vehicle, which includes pocket bikes, super pocket bikes, scooters, mini-scooters, mini choppers, mini motorcycles, and motorized skateboards.

STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS

	Licensing By Age	**Registration**	**Insurance**	**Helmet Requirement**
Low-Speed Electric Scooter	No License Required	EXEMPT	EXEMPT	MANDATORY FOR RIDERS UNDER 17
Low-Speed Electric Bicycle (up to 28 mph)	• **<u>Under 15:</u>** Prohibited from Operating • **<u>15-16:</u>** Must have a Valid Motorized Bicycle License • **<u>17+:</u>** Must have a Valid Motorized Bicycle License or Driver's License	MANDATORY NJMVC REGISTRATION	EXEMPT	MANDATORY FOR RIDERS UNDER 17
Motorized Bicycles, including Mopeds (28+ mph)	• **<u>Under 15:</u>** Prohibited from Operating • **<u>15-16:</u>** Prohibited from Operating • **<u>17+:</u>** Must have a Valid Motorcycle License or a Motorcycle Endorsement Added to the Driver's License	MANDATORY NJMVC REGISTRATION	MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE	MANDATORY FOR ALL RIDERS (ALL AGES)

CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO KNOW ABOUT VIOLATIONS ISSUED BY POLICE

- Strict Underage Band and Parental Responsibility
    - Children under 15 years of age are legally prohibited from operating any type of e-bike on public roadways or property.
    - Parents or guardians can be held legally and financially accountable for knowingly allowing an unlicensed or underage child to operate an e-bike.
- Enforcement and Penalties for Juveniles
    - Under Age 15: If a child under 15 is caught operating an e-bike, they may be issued a summons by the police and can be referred to either municipal court or family court.
    - Ages 15-17: Juveniles in this age group can be issued standard motor vehicle summonses for violations. Moving violations are typically handled in municipal court.
    - Impoundment: Police have the authority to impound any vehicle stopped on a public road, highway, **or parking lot** if it is found to be unregistered, uninsured, or operated by an unlicensed driver.
- Critical Citations & Fines (Effective after July 20, 2026)
    - Failure to exhibit documents (license, registration, or proof of insurance).
    - Unregistered vehicle.
    - Operating without insurance (for motorized bicycles).
    - DWI standards
- Failure to comply with helmet requirements can result in official police summonses and legal proceedings.
- Because E-Bikes are now regulated, violations are recorded and can potentially affect a student's future driving privileges.

E-BIKE EXPECTATIONS AT METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

Parking e-bikes on school grounds is a privilege we are happy to extend to you, provided you comply with the regulations. Because the safety of all of us depends on responsible road behavior, regulation violations will result in disciplinary action and/or suspension of privileges.

- Students under 15 years of age cannot legally operate e-bikes on public roads or property; therefore they are not permitted to use e-bikes on school property.
- Students who are planning on riding their e-bike to/from school must register their e-bike online through Genesis. This regulation applies even if the e-bike is only brought to school occasionally. Students with unregistered e-bikes will receive disciplinary action.
- E-Bike riders are required to follow the same biking rules and regulations as delineated throughout the Borough of Metuchen.
- The speed limit for all e-bikes on campus is 5 mph. Your privilege will be REVOKED immediately for any offense of this regulation.
- Registered e-bikes must be parked in the designated bike stand closest to the school building (closest to Door 1). Parking e-bikes in unauthorized areas will result in disciplinary action or suspension of privileges.
- Students who use their vehicles to leave school grounds without permission will lose their privileges.
- Traffic regulations on school grounds are under police jurisdiction and violations are subject to prosecution. Students are expected to follow all traffic laws and practice good driver courtesy at all times.
- While e-bikes may be used to transport yourself to/from school, please be aware that e-bikes are banned from being on Metuchen High School athletics fields, track, turf field, and school-adjacent sidewalks.
- E-bike operation is limited to the front of the building arrival/departure corridor. *No recreational or on-campus riding is permitted.*
- **Please note that Metuchen High School, due to the age of the students, is the only location where e-bikes are permitted on school grounds. They are not permitted on school grounds at Moss, Campbell, or Edgar School.**