



CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Cleveland Hill Students, Parents, and Guardians:

The safety of our students, staff, families, and visitors remains a top priority of the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District. After a thorough review by our District Safety Team, as well as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment, the District is implementing a new policy regarding personal electronic motorized transportation devices on school property.

Effective July 1, 2026, use of personal electronic motorized devices will be prohibited on all Cleveland Hill School District property. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to:

- Electric scooters (e-scooters) and/or electric bicycles (e-bikes)
- Electric skateboards
- Hoverboards
- Electric unicycles
- Mini-bikes and other motorized recreational vehicles
- Any similar transportation device powered in whole or in part by an electric motor

Students, parents, and visitors may not operate these devices on District grounds, including school buildings, parking lots, athletic facilities, sidewalks, playgrounds, and other District-owned property. Students using these devices to commute to/from school must “walk” and/or carry the device, once entering District grounds.

This decision is based on several important safety considerations, including pedestrian safety, traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal, fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries, and the increasing use of high-speed motorized devices by school-age riders. Additionally, New York State law regulates the operation of electric scooters and bicycles with electric assist and limits where such devices may be legally operated. State law defines electric scooters as devices equipped with handlebars and an electric motor capable of speeds up to 20 miles per hour. New York law also prohibits certain motorized devices, including mini-bikes and other unregistered off-road vehicles, from being operated on public streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or other areas open to motor vehicle traffic.

While some e-bikes and e-scooters may be legally operated on certain public roadways under New York State law, school districts retain the authority to establish reasonable rules governing the use and

possession of such devices on school property in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and staff.

Beginning July 1, 2026:

- Students arriving on school grounds with a prohibited electronic motorized device will not be permitted to use the device on District property. Students must walk or carry the device to the intended location (i.e. bike racks).
- If a student is caught improperly using one of the aforementioned devices, the following steps may be taken:
 - The student may be issued a warning;
 - The parent/guardian may be contacted;
 - The device may be confiscated with a parent/guardian required to retrieve the device;
 - A disciplinary referral may be issued with consequences pursuant to the Code of Conduct.
- The District assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to prohibited devices brought onto school property.

We recognize that many families rely on various forms of transportation to travel to and from school. We encourage students and families to review safe transportation options and to comply with all applicable state and local laws governing roadway use. Traditional bicycles, mobility devices used as accommodations under applicable law, and other transportation methods specifically authorized by the District will continue to be permitted unless otherwise restricted.

The Cleveland Hill Union Free School District appreciates your cooperation and support as we continue to provide a safe educational environment for all students.

Regards,

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