USE OF ELECTRIC PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION ON CAMPUS 8.29

I. Purpose: The safety of students, staff, school visitors, and others while on school property is of significant importance to the School Board. An individual's use of Electric Personal Transportation on school property has the potential to present a safety hazard for the operator and to others (students, staff, visitors, pedestrians and motorists) while on school property, including but not limited to personal injury, property damage, and disruption to school operations. This policy is established to promote the safe and responsible use of EPT on school property and applies to all students, staff and visitors while on school property, including school campuses, school parking lots and at school-sponsored events or activities. The principal of each school may develop additional rules for the operation of EPT on school property.

II. Definition: For purposes of this policy, Electric Personal Transportation ("EPT) means any electrically powered device designed to transport an individual and operated by the rider, that is not treated as a traditional motor vehicle for the purposes of campus use. EPT devices may be powered fully by an electric motor or by a combination of electric motor assistance and human propulsion. This term includes, but is not limited to, electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), hoverboards, electric skateboards, and similar electric-powered personal mobility or transportation devices, regardless of brand, design, speed capability, or method of propulsion. The classification of a device under this definition is independent of its legality for roadway use under state or local law.

For the purposes of campus use:

a. E-bikes must have fully operable foot pedals, an electric motor of 750 watts or less, and motor assistance that stops at or below 28 miles per hour. E-bikes meeting this definition are permitted on campus.

b. Electric motorcycles or mopeds (e-motos) includes any electric-powered device that:

   1) has an electric motor of 750 watts or more; or

   2) is capable of a speed greater than 28 miles per hour; or

   3) is equipped with foot pegs instead of fully operable foot pedals.

   E-motos meeting this definition are not permitted on campus.

c. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles used by parents, guardians, or visitors on school property are considered vehicles and are subject to school traffic control procedures. Such vehicles may only be operated in designated vehicle areas and are prohibited from pedestrian zones, sidewalks, and bike-designated areas.

III. Behavioral Expectations:

a. EPT operators must adhere to all traffic rules and regulations, including, but not

limited to any laws specific to EPT use while riding their EPT on school property. Only some of these rules, regulations, and laws are covered in this policy, but students are expected to comply with all applicable laws.

b. Any student observed violating state or local laws or driving recklessly or dangerously may face disciplinary action.

c. Individuals are responsible for their EPT while on school property. The school district and each school assume no responsibility or liability for the loss, damage, or theft of any EPT or any mode of transportation permitted on school property in accordance with this Policy.

d. All individuals riding EPT in school zones during times when the school speed limit sign flashing beacon is activated must adhere to the posted speed limit, whether riding on the roadway or sidewalk.

IV. Use of Electric Personal Transportation on School Property:

a. Students, staff, and visitors are permitted to ride their EPT to and from school, on school property in designated areas, and park in the designated area for EPT as determined by the principal or designee.

b. In areas where riding EPT is not permitted on campus, EPT must be walked by the operator.

c. Failure of a rider to follow the expectations of this policy and any requirements of State law, local ordinance, or other applicable regulation may result in the rider losing the privilege or riding their EPT on school property and could result in other disciplinary consequences.

d. Each student riding EPT on school property, and their parent/guardian, must sign an acknowledgement that they have read and understand this policy.

V. On-Campus Operation and Parking:

a. EPT may be operated on school property only in designated areas and only in manual mode, with the electric motor disengaged. Operating EPT on school property using pedal assist or throttle is strictly prohibited.

b. While on school property and in designated areas where it is permissible to ride EPT in manual mode, riders should not exceed the posted speed limit on campus.

c. Designated areas include parking lots, bike lanes, and other areas where manual bikes are allowed. All riders must walk their EPT outside these designated areas and wherever a “No Bikes” sign is posted, including areas of student drop off and pick up and school entryways.

d. Riding EPT on basketball courts, tennis courts, sidewalks, or grassy areas on school property is strictly prohibited.

e. All EPT must be parked in the designated bike racks or storage areas.

f. It is strictly prohibited to park EPT in areas obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic, including in traditional vehicle parking spaces.

VI. Other Safety Considerations:

a. Safety Equipment:

i. Florida law requires any rider under the age of 16 to wear a helmet when operating an electric bicycle or other EPT regulated as a bicycle. Riders 16 and older are not required by state law to wear a helmet, though helmet use is strongly encouraged for all riders. Local ordinances may impose additional requirements.

ii. Florida law requires any electric bicycle, electric scooter, or similar EPT operated between sunset and sunrise to be equipped with a white front lamp and both a red rear lamp and red rear reflector. These requirements apply regardless of the rider's age and are in addition to any local ordinance requirements.

iii. Reflective clothing or backpacks are not required by Florida law, but are strongly encouraged, especially during times of lower visibility conditions.

b. All EPT brought on school property must be:

i. Properly maintained and in good working order to ensure safe operation, including, but not limited to brakes, wheels, tires, and batteries.

ii. In the manufacturer's original condition. Modified EPT devices, including those altered from manufacturer specifications related to speed, power output, or safety features, are prohibited, except where modification is required to disable electric propulsion while on school property.

VII. Enforcement and Consequences:

a. School administrators, staff, and security personnel are authorized to enforce this policy.

b. Violations of the policy may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, temporary confiscation of EPT and return to parent/guardian, revocation of privileges, parental notification, or other appropriate measures as determined by school authorities. Temporary confiscation of an EPT shall be limited to the school day and returned only to the student's parent or guardian, unless otherwise authorized by law enforcement.

c. Nothing in this policy limits the authority of law enforcement to enforce any applicable laws.

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