

## **Policy**

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### STUDENT USE OF VEHICLES

#### Bicycles

The Somerville Board of Education believes that permitting students to ride bicycles to and from school can promote physical fitness and encourage the development of responsible behavior in safety and care of property.

Students who have the written permission of their parent/guardian shall be permitted to ride their bicycles to school. Parents should consider their children's age, experience and skills in deciding whether to allow them to ride a bicycle to school.

As required by law, all children riding a bicycle to school (even as a passenger) must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. This requirement applies at all times while the bicycle is being operated on any property open to the public or used by the public for pedestrian and vehicular purposes. Any student in violation of the law may have the privilege of riding their bicycle to school revoked. The parent or guardian of that student may also be fined for subsequent offenses.

Students are required to walk with their bicycles on school property.

All students permitted to ride bicycles to and from school are required to:

- A. Wear an appropriate bicycle helmet. Any student riding a bicycle to school without a helmet will not be permitted to remove the bicycle from school property unless he/she is accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- B. Be responsible for the care of their bicycle and helmet, and properly rack and lock their bicycle while on school property;
- C. Display courtesy and consideration toward others while riding their bicycles to and from school (i.e. walking their bicycle across roads and amidst pedestrians);
- D. Comply with New Jersey State bicycle laws and regulation;
- E. Observe the designated school arrival and dismissal times.

The school is not responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged or stolen bicycles and/or helmets. Any student in violation of the law and/or this policy may have the privilege of riding their bicycle to school revoked.

#### Parking Permits

The Somerville Board of Education regards the use of motor vehicles by students as a privilege and a responsibility. All students authorized to use a motor vehicle for transportation to and from school are responsible for:

- A. The care of school property;
- B. Observation of school safety rules;

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## C. Courtesy and consideration toward others.

The board will permit the use of motor vehicles by students. The superintendent or his or her designee shall approve all requests for student use of privately owned vehicles and assign parking permits. All students are required to submit written permission of their parent/guardian to obtain a parking permit.

The board will not be responsible for motor vehicles that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Violation of these rules will result in the revocation of these privileges

Other Vehicles

The board will not permit the use of mini-bikes, motor scooters, motorcycles, go-carts, mopeds, quads or other recreational motorized vehicles on school grounds.

The board also prohibits the use of skateboards, roller blades, and inline skates on school grounds and in school buildings at any time by any persons.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34 Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes  
N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.1 Bicycle and motorized bicycle regulations

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1330 Use of school facilities  
 \*3515 Smoking prohibition

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.