



Dear DMUSD Families,

The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to share an important update regarding student transportation and the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes).

Over the past year, communities throughout San Diego County have experienced a significant increase in serious injuries involving children riding e-bikes. In response, cities, school districts, law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, and policymakers have been working together to identify ways to better protect young riders.

Most recently, the San Diego City Council unanimously adopted new restrictions establishing a minimum age of 12 for riders of Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes as part of San Diego County's E-Bike Safety Pilot Program. Similar actions have been taken by several other local jurisdictions throughout the region, reflecting a growing recognition that additional safeguards are necessary to protect young riders.

In light of these developments, and to ensure compliance with applicable law while maintaining a clear and consistent districtwide expectation for our elementary schools, the Del Mar Union School District has determined that beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, **students may not ride e-bikes to or from any DMUSD school or bring e-bikes onto campus.**

This decision supports the District's obligation to comply with applicable law while reinforcing our ongoing commitment to student safety.

This expectation applies only to electric bicycles (e-bikes).

Students in grades 4–6 may continue to ride traditional bicycles to school in accordance with district and school safety expectations. All bicycle riders are required to wear a properly fitted helmet, obey traffic laws, and walk their bicycles while on school grounds.

We recognize that some families have invested in e-bikes and may have questions about this change. This decision was not made lightly, and the District carefully explored several possible approaches. Ultimately, we concluded that a districtwide prohibition on e-bikes for elementary-aged students is the clearest, safest, and most appropriate approach for our schools while ensuring compliance with the evolving legal landscape in our community.

We appreciate your partnership and support as we continue working together to ensure every child arrives at school safely and returns home safely each day.

Respectfully,

Leslie Montoro
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