

Policy

PUPIL USE OF BICYCLES

The Mount Laurel Township School District Board of Education believes that permitting pupils to ride bicycles to and from school can promote physical fitness and encourage the development of responsible behavior in safety and care of property. Pupils given permission to ride bicycles to and from school shall be responsible for the care of their property and the school property; shall observe safety rules, and shall display of courtesy and consideration toward others.

Parents should consider their children's age, experience and skills in deciding whether to allow them to ride a bicycle to school. The school recommends that children be in the fourth or fifth grade before they ride bicycles to school but respects the judgment of parents/guardians regarding their children's readiness.

In accordance with law, all children attending Mount Laurel Township elementary and middle schools and riding bicycles 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 pupil in violation of the law may have the privilege of riding their bicycle to school revoked. The parent or guardian of that pupil may also be fined for subsequent offenses.

All pupils given permission to ride bicycles to and from school are required to:

- A. Wear an appropriate bicycle helmet. Any pupil 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 pupil in violation of the law and/or this policy may have the privilege of riding their bicycle to school revoked.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 39:4-10.1 Bicycle and motorized bicycle regulations

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Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*3516	Safety
	*5131	Conduct and discipline
	*5142	Pupil safety

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