

**STUDENT USE OF BICYCLES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that bicycle helmets lessen the seriousness of head injuries. The Board expects that students who ride bicycles to and from school will consistently wear bicycle helmets, observe safety laws and rules, and display courtesy toward other riders and pedestrians.

Health and safety instruction and student handbooks shall include information related to state law that requires all minors to wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle on streets or public bicycle paths. The district will cooperate with community groups that provide bicycle safety information to students.

Students are encouraged to use bicycle locks. The district will not be responsible for bicycles which are lost, stolen or damaged.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property*

*51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

VEHICLE CODE

*21212 Bicycle helmets*