

Slow Down Lafayette E-bike Safety Tips

Dear Parents, family, and friends of Lafayette students,

eBikes have become very popular among students and make it easier for them to commute to and from school.

Here are a few reminders on how to keep your students safe:

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- **Bicycle helmets:** Riders under 18 years old must wear an ASTM or CPSC rated bike helmet that is ***properly fitted and fastened***.
- **Risk of injury:** Teach your children to respect ebike speeds and to ride safely. An ebike's speed and weight can have kinetic energy 8X that of a regular bicycle, greatly increasing injuries in a crash.
- **eBike restrictions:** Class 1 (pedal assist) and Class 2 (throttle assist) ebikes go a maximum of 20 mph exclusively powered speed, and there are no age restrictions. Class 3 ebikes go up to 28 mph powered, and riders must be 16 or older and wear a helmet regardless of age.
- **Not legal:** eBikes modified to go faster than their original design limits, and those without pedals, are almost always not street legal.



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