

EMERALD HEIGHTS BICYCLE RULES

2022-23

Please take note of the Emerald Heights Bicycle Rules below and the "Rules of the Road," which outline rules for riding on the street and sidewalk. Our bicycle rules are strict because we care about the safety of students. Remember that riding to school is a privilege. Students may lose the privilege of riding a bicycle to school if the rules are not followed.

1. Students in Grades 3 - 4 - 5 may ride their bikes to Emerald Heights unescorted by a parent but must have signed a bicycle contract to do so. Please complete the attached contract and return it to the school office.
2. Students younger than 3rd grade may ride to and from school when accompanied by an adult. They may lock their bike in the bike racks during the school day.
3. Bicycle riders **MUST** wear safety helmets for their own protection. Helmets must fit correctly and be buckled on when riding.
4. Bicycles must be walked on sidewalks around the school and inside the school grounds. We have a **NO WHEELS** rule inside the school grounds, meaning **NO** bikes, skateboards, scooters or other wheels may be ridden on campus grounds during school hours.
5. Bicycles must be parked and locked in the bicycle rack located behind the portables. Emerald Heights is not responsible for lost or stolen items brought to school.
6. No motorized bicycles are to be ridden to school. Motorized bicycles are not allowed on the school grounds at any time.
7. If at all possible, use the gates at the north and south sides of Emerald Heights to enter and exit the grounds. If entering or exiting on Pinnacle, walk your bike to and from Ridgetop. Do not try to use the stairs. Walk your bike on the sidewalk that runs around the south parking area.
8. Watch the Ride Your Bike to School video before riding to school the first time. The video can be found using this link: <https://youtu.be/vD0tdD2NqYc>

Bicycle Safety “Rules of the Road”

1. Rules for Riding on the Street:

- Always ride on the right hand side (same direction as traffic).
- Obey traffic laws, including all the traffic signs and signals.
- Ride predictably—ride in a straight line, don't weave in and out of traffic.
- Look before turning - use hand signals when turning.
- Watch for vehicles going in and out of driveways.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling.
- Always stop and walk your bicycle across the street. Use a crosswalk if available. Look left, right, left, and behind you for traffic.
- If entering or exiting on Pinnacle, walk your bike to and from Ridgetop. Do not try to use the stairs. Walk your bike on the sidewalk that runs around the south parking area.

2. Rules for Riding on the Sidewalk:

- When riding on a sidewalk -- Go SLOW!
- Watch for cars coming out of driveways and realize they may not see you.
- Pedestrians always have the right away. Be courteous and show respect for the people walking on the sidewalk.
- If you come up behind people walking, be very polite and wait for a good time to ask them to let you pass.
- If you cannot pass safely, then get off your bike and walk your bike around the pedestrians.
- Always stop and walk your bicycle across the street. Use a crosswalk if available. Look left, right, left, and behind you for traffic.
- If entering or exiting on Pinnacle, walk your bike to and from Ridgetop. Do not try to use the stairs. Walk your bike on the sidewalk that runs around the south parking area.

Emerald Heights Elementary
BICYCLE CONTRACT FOR 3rd, 4th, & 5th GRADE STUDENTS

I have viewed the Bike to School video and I promise to obey the Emerald Heights School rules regarding bicycle safety. I realize that I am welcome to ride my bicycle to school as long as I can handle myself and my bicycle in a responsible way and respect the rules that have been established for my safety and the safety of others. I understand that if I do not follow the safety rules, I will not be allowed to ride my bicycle to school.

Student's Signature

Date

Student Name _____

I am in accord with my child riding his/her bicycle to Emerald Heights School and realize that he/she may do so as long as he/she demonstrates that he/she can assume the responsibility necessary to insure his/her safety and the safety of others. If the safety rules are not followed, I understand that my child will not be able to ride his or her bicycle to Emerald Heights

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent Name _____

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1. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students may ride a bike without an adult.
2. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students must have a bicycle contract on file with the school office.
These can be obtained in the front office.
3. You must wear a helmet when riding.
4. If at all possible, use the gates at the north and south sides of Emerald Heights to enter and exit the grounds. If you must enter or exit on Pinnacle, walk your bike to and from Ridgetop. Do not try to use the stairs. Walk your bike on the sidewalk that runs around the south parking area.
4. Once you are on campus, you must walk your bike
5. Riding bikes before or after school is not allowed...wait until after 4pm and on weekends.
6. Bikes must be parked in the bicycle rack and locked.
7. The school assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged items.