

The beautiful spring weather has brought many children out on their bicycles. Parents are asked to review page 20 in the Student Handbook before permitting children to ride their bikes to school. For your convenience, a copy of that page has been provided for you. We appreciate your support in helping us to ensure the best of our ability the safety and well-being of our students.

BICYCLING/WALKING TO SCHOOL

STUDENTS IN GRADES 4, 5, AND 6 ARE PERMITTED TO RIDE A BICYCLE AND/OR WALK TO SCHOOL ONLY AFTER WRITTEN PERMISSION HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE PARENT, PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE SCHOOL, A BICYCLE STICKER HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO A SAFETY HELMET AND THE STUDENT HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Safety Rules

1. Wear an approved safety helmet when riding to or from school.
2. Obey traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
3. Drive on the right-hand side of the road and with the traffic or walk on the left-hand side of the road and against the traffic.
4. Stop and check the traffic before entering the street.
5. Give pedestrians the right of way.
6. Watch for cars because they may not be aware of your presence.
7. Walk bicycle when on school grounds.
8. Leave bicycle locked in the rack at the front of the building.
9. Carry books and other belongings in a backpack or basket.
10. Do not ride/walk home after dark.
11. Ride/walk in a single file when riding/walking on the road with friends.
12. Never ride with a passenger on your bicycle.
13. Stay with your teacher until you are dismissed at the top of the bus circle.

Bicycling/walking contracts, available in the Minnesauke Handbook or through the office, must be signed and returned to the main office. The administration has the right to refuse permission. Parents will be

notified as to whether permission has been granted/denied based upon the following criteria:

- Student must be able to get home without accessing any major roads.
(i.e. Lower Sheep Pasture Rd., Rt. 25A, Gnarled Hollow Rd., Old Town Rd., Bennett's Rd. etc.)
- Student must be able to access neighborhood by leaving Minnesauke grounds via High Gate Dr. or Saddle Rock Rd. They may not cross the playing field, parking lot or the Bennett's Rd. driveway.
- Student should live close enough to Minnesauke that they can walk/ride in any type of weather.
- Student must adhere to all criteria in the original walking/biking contract.

The school administration reserves the right to review each request individually for both walkers and bicyclists. No student will be permitted to ride their bicycle/walk until approval has been granted from the school. You will be notified in writing as to the school's decision. This could take a couple of days and it should not be assumed that permission will be granted on the day the note is sent to school. As of June 1, 1994, state law requires that children 14 years of age and under must wear helmets while riding a bicycle. Students without helmets will not be given a school bicycle pass. Bicycles must be kept in the racks provided and cannot be removed during the school day. All bicycles must be locked for security reasons. Every effort will be made by the school personnel to ensure the safekeeping of students' bicycles. The school, however, cannot be held responsible for theft or damage. Permission may be revoked at any time.