

ALTA VISTA SCHOOL

Bicycle Rules and Contract for 4TH & 5TH Graders



I promise to obey the Alta Vista School rules regarding bicycle safety. I realize that I am welcome to ride my bike to school with my parents' permission 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 **riding to school is a privilege** and I may lose the privilege of riding a bicycle to school if the rules are not followed.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Alta Vista Bicycle/Scooter Rules

Our bicycle rules are strict because we care about the safety of each child. Remember that **riding to school is a privilege**. A student may lose the privilege of riding a bicycle to school if the rules are not followed.

1. Students in **Grades 4 - 5 only** may ride bikes/scooters to Alta Vista School, but must have **signed a bicycle contract** to do so.
2. Students younger than 4th grade may ride to school when accompanied by an adult.
3. Bike or scooter riders **MUST** wear safety helmets for their own protection. It's the LAW!
4. Bicycles/scooters **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 in one of the bicycle racks located inside the school grounds by Room 21. Due to space and fire codes we discourage scooters being kept in the classrooms, however, at this time it is up to individual teacher discretion. **Alta Vista is not responsible for lost or stolen items brought to school.**
6. No motorized bicycles or skateboards are to be ridden to school. Motorized bicycles/scooters are not allowed on the school grounds at any time.

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.

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.