

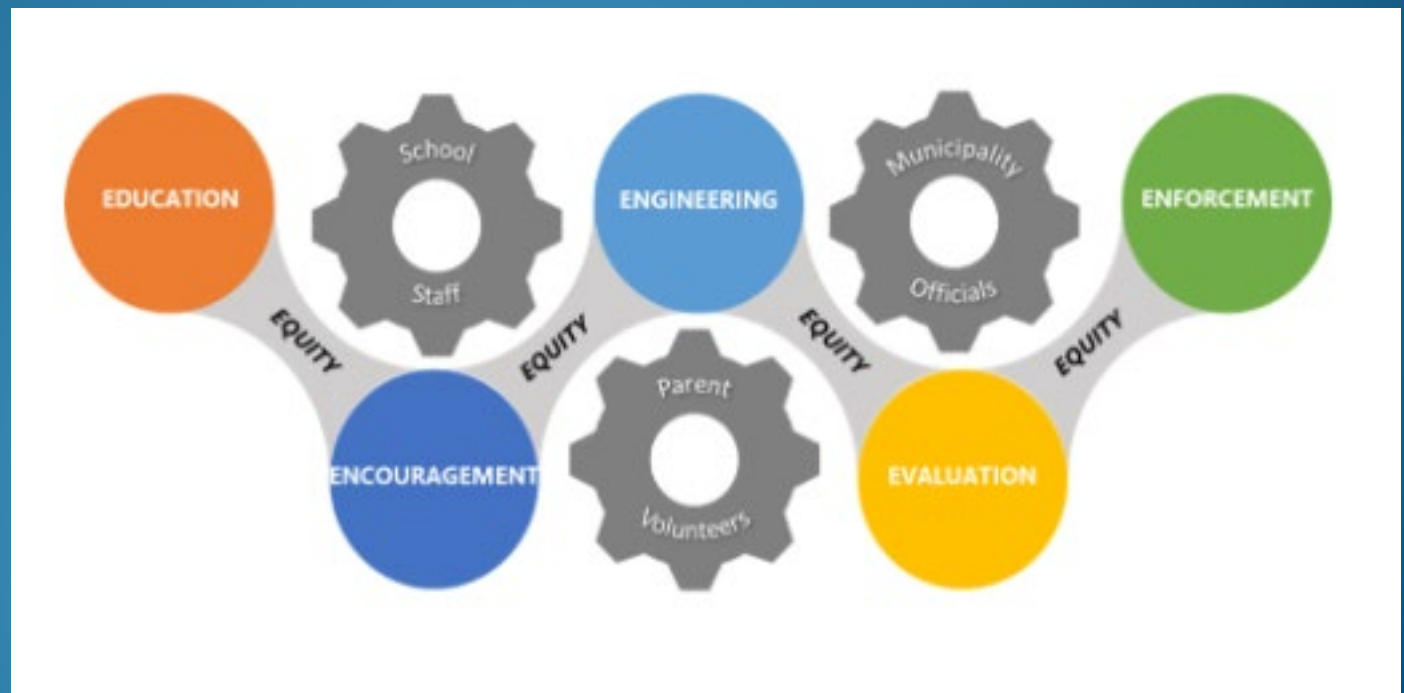
Town of Fairfax Council Meeting Safe Routes to Schools

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Who We Are

Our goal is to create safe and healthy access to and from school for ALL students. (Walk, Bike, Carpool, Bus).



Who We Are

- Founded in 2000
- **Safe Routes to Schools Program** started in Marin; it is now a National Program:
- **Manor was the first Safe Routes school**
- **Teen Program (middle/high) school one of the first in the nation**
- Over 55 Actively Participating Schools (K-12th grades)



Engineering

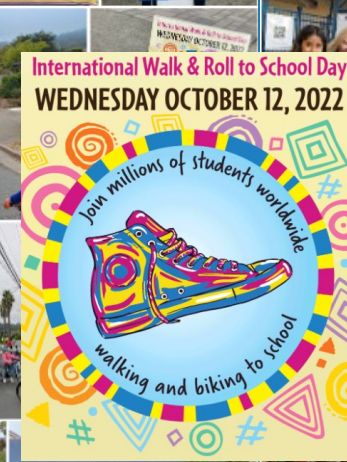
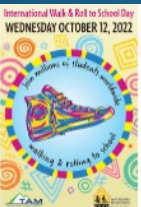
- David Parisi manages TAM funded Safe Routes to Schools
- Engineer who works with Town of Fairfax



Fairfax Bike Spine first in the County due to community driven effort



Encouragement Events



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DÍA NACIONAL DE IR EN BICICLETA A LA ESCUELA

MONTA EN BICICLETA, CAMINA, PATINA, MONTA EN PATINETA O TOMA EL BUS PARA RECIBIR UN REGALITO

MARTES 3 DE MAYO 2022



Art: Violet Wilson
White Hill Middle School

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MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU



Art: Sophia Lopez
Claire Cochran
White Hill Middle School

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH
ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN MOVIE TICKETS!



TEENS GO GREEN





4TH GRADE PUMP IT UP!

P.E. CHALLENGE

WALK, BIKE, OR SKATE TO SCHOOL

The 4th grade P.E. class with the most walkers and rollers will win a Popsicle Party!



Artwork provided by White Hill Students

Education

- Taught 12,000 students last year
- League Certified Instructors
- Classes embedded into school day



Education

- White Hill Middle – Nov. 16 & 18 Rules of the Road – DMV Codes

TRUE FALSE



Drivers and bikers *must stop* at stop signs or red lights.

TRUE FALSE



It is against the law to bike on the *sidewalk* or *crosswalk*.

Education

- White Hill Middle – Nov. 16 & 18
Part II – Bike Handling / Rules



Education – E-Bike Safety

E-Bikes are Electrifying the Future!

What Parents Should Know...

E-bikes are rapidly increasing in popularity, especially with teens as they provide increased independence. E-bikes allow children to travel further and faster, allowing steep hills to be easily climbed. Heavy school books and sports equipment are no longer an issue to transport!



One less vehicle on the road benefits all.

BUT, is your child experienced enough to manage the increased speeds and maneuverability of a heavy E-bike?

Parents are advised to do their own research and assess their children's cycling capabilities before purchasing one. Below are some considerations to help parents make informed decisions.

- 1. Heavy E-bikes traveling at high speeds are harder to maneuver and take longer to stop.** The average speed of a standard bicyclist is 12 mph. Type 1 & 2 ebikes can travel up to 20 mph (Type 3- 28 mph). This is a significant difference when considering the experience level of student E-bike riders.
- 2. E-bike riders (and all cyclists) must follow the same rules as vehicles when riding on roadways.**
[\(California Vehicle Code \(CVC\) §21230\)](#)

Is your child experienced with the following?

- Taking turns with vehicles at intersections after coming to a complete stop
- Riding predictably WITH the flow of traffic and does not weave in and out of vehicles
- Riding outside of the door zone of parked vehicles (at least 3 feet away)
- Using hand signals for turning right, left and stopping, and scans before merging onto roads and changing lanes
- Obeying posted speeds on pathways and giving pedestrians the right of way
- Knowing how to stop abruptly and dodge obstacles without swerving into vehicle lanes
- Committed to wearing a helmet and ensuring their passenger does as well (17 and under are required to do so by law)

Riding confidently on roads and pathways takes practice

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Types of E-bikes

- **TYPE I:** 20 mph max with only pedal-assist, no throttle. These E-bikes are legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate
- **TYPE II:** 20 mph max with pedal-assist and a powerful throttle function that negates the need to pedal. These E-bikes are legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate at the posted speed.

NOTE: Type I and Type II E-bikes don't have a minimum age restriction and are allowed on multi-use pathways

- **TYPE III:** 28 mph max, only pedal-assist, no throttle. This type is a tier below true motorcycles and mopeds. Riders must be 16 or older and wear a helmet and not transport riders. They are prohibited from multi-use paths unless otherwise specified paths.



E-Scooter Laws

- California's law permits anyone OVER the age of 16, who has a learner's permit or license, to operate an E-scooter
- E-scooter riders must know traffic laws, because they must share the road with vehicles
- Users can ride in bike lanes on the road if the posted speed limit is 25 mph or slower
- California law prohibits riding E-scooters on sidewalks and pathways unless marked otherwise

Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to Schools teaches students the Rules of the Road in elementary and middle schools. Their bicycle classes give students the opportunity to practice maneuvers on mock streets.

Visit the **Safe Routes Website** saferoutestoschools.org to find out more including:

- [Safe Routes Safety Tips](#)
- [Safe Routes to School Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Education Classes](#)
- [Remote Learning](#)

Resources

- Marin County Bicycle Coalition**
- [E-Bike Policies in Marin County](#)
- DMV**
- [Two-Wheel Vehicle Operation](#)



Education – E-Bike Classes

White Hill Middle – December

Pilot: Dedicated e-bike safety class for students owning e-bikes

- All Grades

- Two Parts

1. Rules of the Road

(Pledge to follow the rules)

2. Value Clarification - Behavior



Education: E-Bike Smart Marin

E-Bike Smart Marin Goals

Thanks to our supporters and a generous grant from the County of Marin's Nonprofit Community Partners Program to get started, we have high expectations to achieve these key goals:

- **Implement and coordinate** a teen e-bike rider safety program to educate and reinforce the use of safe e-bike riding practices.
- **Develop and teach** classes including group rides for older adults that allow them to safely enjoy the mobility and community benefits of e-bike transportation.
- **Conduct outreach** to inform families and communities about the expanded commuting capabilities and low environmental impact of modern e-bikes.



EBIKE SAFETY ABC7 NEWS
October 19, 2022



Education – E-Bike Safety

Fairfax Partners:

- Town of Fairfax - in making streets and sidewalks as safe as possible for all - pedestrians, cyclists, and motorist.
- Fairfax PD - history in an educational capacity

Thank you!

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