

SAFE SCHOOLS. SMART POLICIES.

Simple Choices for Student Bicycles & E-Mobility

1. KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

PEDAL-ASSIST E-BIKE (Class 1 & Class 3)



Motor assists only while you are pedaling. Stops at 20 mph (Class 1) or 28 mph (Class 3). Class 3 riders must be 16+ and wear a helmet.

THROTTLE E-BIKE (Class 2)



Has a throttle that can move the bike without pedaling. Stops at 20 mph.

E-MOTO (NOT AN E-BIKE)



Looks like a bike. Acts like a motorcycle. Often goes faster than 20 mph.

NOT street legal.
More dangerous.

2. THE PROBLEM



Most electric vehicles in schools are e-motos—not legal e-bikes.



Not easy for school staff to know which is which.



E-motos are not street legal.



E-motos are faster, heavier, and cause more serious injuries.

3. YOUR POLICY CHOICES

	MODEL A Conventional Bicycle Campus	MODEL B Pedal-Assist Campus (RECOMMENDED)	MODEL C Full Legal E-Bike Campus
Conventional Bicycles	✓	✓	✓
Class 1 E-Bike (Pedal Assist)	✗	✓	✓
Class 3 E-Bike (Pedal Assist) 16+ with helmet	✗	✓ (16+)	✓ (16+)
Class 2 E-Bike (Throttle)	✗	✗	✓
E-MOTOS	✗	✗	✗
E-SCOOTERS	✗	✗	✗



RECOMMENDED: MODEL B

The best balance of safety, active transportation, and practical enforcement.



Encourages bicycling



Allows pedal-assist e-bikes



Eliminates most e-moto identification problems



Easier for schools to enforce



Strong student safety

Every district should adopt a written policy. | All three models prohibit e-motos.