

Riding Bicycles to School:

The bicycle rack is now in and has been placed in the side yard on the Talisman side of our school. Students will be able to get off of the bicycles on the sidewalk by Kiss and Ride and walk their bicycle across the lawn to the bike rack.

THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS OR STAFF AVAILABLE FOR SUPERVISION OF CROSSWALKS OR RIDING ROUTES

The school is not responsible for the security of bicycles ridden to school and placed in the bike rack. Please make sure your child's bicycle can be locked each day.

These are guidelines from the county and are taken from the Fact Sheet on *Bicycle Riding to School*.

Factors parents need to consider before giving their child permission to ride their bicycle to school:

- **Child's age, maturity level, and physical condition**
- **Has the child demonstrated proficiency riding a bike?**
- **Does the child know and has the child practiced riding a specific route to and from school?**

If the student does ride a bicycle to school they should consider the following "rules of the road":

- **Students should ride their bicycles on the sidewalk when available.**
- **Stay to the right of the sidewalk and watch for pedestrians.**
- **Bicyclers should announce their presence to pedestrians prior to passing on the left.**
- **In the absence of sidewalks, ride as far to the right side of the road as possible, going with the flow of traffic.**
- **When traveling in groups ride in single file.**
- **Wear a UL listed bicycle helmet. This is required by law for students 16 years of age and younger.**
- **Obey traffic laws. Bicyclists should stop at stop signs, red traffic signals etc.**
- **Obey instruction of police officers, crossing guards, and safety patrols.**
- **Use hand signals so that other bicyclists and motor vehicle operators know your intentions.**
- **Utilize proper safety equipment such as horn or bell, headlight or reflectors, and light colored or reflective clothing.**