

ELECTRIC BIKE POLICY

Temecula Valley Charter School

This policy is effective as of November 17, 2025 and applies to all students, staff, and visitors within the Temecula Valley Charter School jurisdiction.

OBJECTIVE

The Electric Bike (Ebike) Policy for Temecula Valley Charter School has been established to promote the safe and responsible use of ebikes on school property and in adjacent areas. The primary goal is to ensure the safety of all individuals, including students, staff, motorists, pedestrians, and surrounding neighborhood residents.

Bringing an ebike to school is a privilege. Students violating this policy may have their ebike permit revoked and face other disciplinary consequences.

This policy also clarifies that TVCS shall not be held responsible for lost or stolen ebikes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Ebike Types

Students under the age of 16 are only allowed to ride **Class 1 and 2 Ebikes**. No age restrictions, no drivers license required.

- **Class 3 Ebikes** are for those 16 years or older.
- Motorized EMotorcycles are for those 16 years & older w/ an M1 Drivers license.

Ebike Permits

- Ebikes are allowed on school premises **ONLY IF** the ebike operator possesses a valid ebike permit issued by Temecula Valley Charter School.

- Ebike permits are eligible to students who have met the following requirements.
 1. This Electric Bike Policy has been signed and submitted to the school by the student and the student's legal parent or guardian.
 2. The student completed an ebike safety course from TVCS's approved courses list. The student will submit the certificate of completion to the school.
- Once awarded an ebike permit, students will receive two stickers: One should be affixed to their ebike handlebars and the other to the back of their student ID.
- Replacement stickers may be issued for lost or stolen IDs or ebikes or if the student gets a new ebike.
- A few approved ebike courses can be found in the appendices at the end of this document. NOTE: Any course used but not listed below will need to be approved by the Superintendent.

Behavioral Expectations

- Ebike operators must adhere to all traffic rules and regulations, as well as any laws specific to electric bikes while using their ebike in the proximity of and on school property. Only some of these rules, regulations, and laws are covered in this ebike policy, but students are expected to know and follow all of them.
- Any student observed violating state or local laws or driving recklessly or dangerously may face disciplinary action.

On-campus Operation

- Electric bikes may be operated on school premises only in designated areas and only in manual mode. Operating an ebike on school premises using pedal assist or throttle is strictly prohibited.
- Designated areas include bike lanes. Outside the designated areas and anywhere a "No Bikes" sign is posted, all students must walk their ebike or

bicycle. This includes all sidewalks, walkways and while on the school campus.

- Riding electric bikes on sidewalks or grassy areas is always strictly prohibited.
- Passengers on any ebike are strictly prohibited.

Speed Limits

- On the streets surrounding the school campus, ebikes must follow all posted speed limits.

Parking

- Electric bikes must be parked in designated bike racks.
- Parking electric bikes in areas obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic is not allowed.

Accountability

- Individuals are responsible for their electric bikes while on school premises. TVCS is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged electric bikes.

Other Safety Considerations

- Safety Equipment
 - Helmets: By state law, all students under 18 must wear a buckled helmet at all times, including on and off school property and when operating an ebike or riding as a passenger on an ebike.
 - Headlamps, Tail lights, & Reflectors: By state law, all ebikes must be equipped with and use headlamps, taillights, and reflectors during darkness.
- All ebikes brought on campus must be:
 - properly maintained and in good working order to ensure safe operation, including, but not limited to brakes, wheels, tires, and batteries. If there is any malfunction or damage, students should stop riding their ebike immediately.

- in the manufacturer's original condition. Modified ebikes are prohibited.
- Ebike policies and rules also apply to before and after school activities.

ENFORCEMENT & CONSEQUENCES

School administrators, staff, and security personnel are authorized to enforce this policy.

Violations of the Electric Bike Policy may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, confiscation of electric bikes, revocation of the student's ebike permit, parental notification, or other appropriate measures as determined by school authorities.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Electric Scooters are NOT permitted.

Specifically written for E-scooters, the California Vehicle Code 21235 states that an e-scooter is something that has an electric motor, a floorboard, and handlebars.

California Vehicle Code 21235 regulates the operation of motorized scooters and prohibits actions like riding without a license or permit.

REVIEW & AMENDMENT

This Electric Bike Policy will be periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure its effectiveness in promoting safety within the school district. The school board or relevant administrative authorities may amend this policy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & SIGNATURES

I have read and understand TVCS's Electric Bike Policy. I agree that bringing an ebike to school is a privilege, and I agree to follow all aspects of this policy.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPENDICES

City of Temecula ebike safety:

<https://temeculaca.gov/1584/29997/E-Bike-Safety>

Paid Ebike Courses:

<https://ebikecourse.com/>

<https://www.ace.aaa.com/information/aaa-in-the-community/workshops/ebike-online-course.html>

https://www.pedalace.com/?utm_campaign=21547862810&utm_content=&utm_term=&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21547865237&gbraid=0AAAAAqVc96fNPabYAR8pGYLROjl8deGNO&gclid=CjwKCAiA_dDIBhB6EiwAvzc1cEID8OoYAKNTFFsqFpQQoUbo2Tk6ue7W3WoIr1JoM44hXQRRsqm6BoC1TwQAvD_BwE

Free Ebike Courses:

<https://www.ebikesmart.org/>

<https://ebikeu.com/>

California vehicle code 21235:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=21235&lawCode=VEH