



STATE OF HAWAII
ILIMA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
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Dear Ilima Intermediate School Families,

We would like to bring to your attention an important matter regarding the use of electric bikes (e-bikes) on the school campus. In recent weeks, we have noticed an increase in the use of e-bikes among our intermediate school students. We have had two students struck in the crosswalk fronting our school this school year. While we support the convenience of these devices, it is crucial to ensure that their usage on the school premises aligns with local laws and prioritizes the safety of our students and the school community.

According to the laws of the State of Hawaii, electric bikes are subject to specific regulations. It is imperative that our students and their parents are aware of these laws to promote responsible and safe use of e-bikes on and around our school campus. Here are some key points to keep in mind:

Laws and Regulations: Familiarize yourself with the current laws and regulations regarding e-bikes in Hawaii. These regulations may include age restrictions, helmet requirements, and speed limits. All riders should not be on their cell phones while operating any bike on a roadway or sidewalk. All e-bikes need to be registered or can be confiscated by HPD.

Helmet Usage: Ensure that your child wears a properly fitted helmet while riding an e-bike. Helmets are required for children under the age of 16 and are a critical safety measure.

Speed Limits: Remind your child about the maximum speed limit (10 mph) for all bikes and e-bikes in accordance with Hawaii state law. Encourage them to ride at a safe and controlled speed, especially in crowded areas.

Parking and Storage: Instruct your child to park their e-bike in designated areas provided by the school. This will help prevent congestion and maintain a safe environment for everyone on campus. Please make sure their bike is secured to minimize theft. We have experienced trespassers attempting to steal bikes.

Responsible Riding: Emphasize the importance of responsible riding behavior, including obeying traffic rules, yielding to pedestrians, and respecting the rights of others sharing the road or pathways. Students should not be riding bikes on campus during the school day.

We kindly request your cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines with your child to promote a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community. Our priority is to ensure the well-being of every student, and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding e-bike usage on campus, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the safety of our students.

Sincerely,

Shayne Greenland - Principal