



## **BICYCLE RULES**

1. Students in grades four, five, and six may ride bikes to school. See Bicycle Policy for exceptions. All bike riders must wear helmets.
2. Bike riders are to file an application for permission to ride his/her bike to school with the school office.
3. All bicycles must be locked and parked in the bike rack. All bicycles must stay in bike rack during school hours.
4. All bicycles must be walked on and off the school grounds. No bikes should be ridden on the school grounds while children are playing there.
5. Every bike should have a lock. This is the best means of preventing someone from riding your bike.
6. Bicycle riders shall use all hand signals employed by the driver of a car.
7. Keep to the right and ride in a single file. Keep a safe distance behind all vehicles.
8. Look out for cars pulling out into traffic. Keep a sharp lookout for sudden opening of car doors.
9. Never hitch a ride on other vehicles, "stunt" or race in traffic. Never ride two on a bike.
10. Slow down at all street intersections and look to the right and to the left before crossing.
11. Ride in a straight line. Do not weave in or out of traffic or swerve from side to side.
12. Both hands should be used in steering the bike.
13. Be sure your brakes are operating efficiently and keep your bicycle in perfect running condition.
14. Give pedestrians the right of way on sidewalks. Bikes should be walked on sidewalk.

## **BICYCLE APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of Bike

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

### **Bicycle Description:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Bicycle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Color

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trim

\_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Identifying Marks

**To the Parents:**

Elizabeth Blackwell Elementary requires that each bicycle owner file an application for permission to ride his/her bike to school. Students in grades four, five and six may ride bikes to school after they have submitted a signed permission form from their parents.

Parents who want children younger than 4<sup>th</sup> grade to ride their bikes should contact the office to make arrangements to:

1. View video with their child
2. File an application
3. Sign a letter of parental responsibility

Although we try to minimize the risk, the school would like parents to be aware that neither the school nor the Lake Washington School District can take the responsibility for lost, stolen, or vandalized bicycles, either while on school property or while riding to and from school.

We encourage bicycle riding as long as it is done safely. We hope you will cooperate with us in enforcing the Elizabeth Blackwell Elementary bicycle rules. We reserve the right to withdraw the student's privilege of riding his/her bike to school if he/she does not obey the rules. Bike rules are published in the handbook and are reprinted on the back of this form.

Please review the rules with your child and be sure he/she understands them. Your child should sign the rules page on the reverse side of this form.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BICYCLE HELMETS**

I give my permission for the above named student to ride his/her bike to school with the understanding that the school will not be responsible for theft or vandalism to the bike or any injury the child might incur riding to or from school.

**Pick up this form in the school office!**

