

Bicycle, Skateboard, Motor Conveyance Policy

1100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Introduction

Northwestern State University is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable campus for its students, faculty, staff and guest. Multiple forms of transportation are commonly used on the University property. This policy is created to ensure that all modes of transportation used are done so in a safe manner, not only for the user of the equipment but also for pedestrians and motor vehicle drivers and occupants.

Applicability:

This policy applies to all Northwestern State University students, faculty, staff, visitors, and guest to the main Natchitoches campus.

1100.2 DEFINITIONS

Operator- A person who is in primary control of a device or motorized conveyance listed in this policy.

Students- For purposes of this section the term student shall include a student currently enrolled at Northwestern State University, a student of Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; a student currently enrolled in bossier parish community college that attends course on the Northwestern State University campus.

Pedestrians- Pedestrians are defined as any person who is walking or traveling in a conveyance utilized by a person fitting American with Disabilities Act qualifiers.

University Property- All property owned, leased, cared for, and/or controlled by Northwestern State University.

Bicycle – A bicycle is a device upon which any person may ride, propelled exclusively by human power through a belt, chain, or gears, and having one or more wheels.

Skateboard – A skateboard is a device propelled by human power with wheels and a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding.

Roller Skates – A roller skate is a shoe or boot with wheels or casters attached to its sole for skating on hard surfaces. This definition includes in-line skates, which are roller skates whose wheels are arranged in a straight line, and Heelys, which are shoes with a wheel that protrudes and retracts from the heel, sole or boot.

Acrobatics – Acrobatics is defined as any action on roller – equipped devices that is not necessary for the safe forward movement of the rider and which might be described as a "trick" or "routine", including, but not limited to, such maneuvers as having all wheels off the ground at the same time, jumping up or down steps, grinding, and so on.

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Motorized – Motorized as defined for this policy, is any transportation device other than a bicycle that is powered by a engine of type that is not a motor vehicle (ex. golf carts, gators, etc.)

1100.3 PROCEDURE

The University encourages the use of transportation to and from places on campus. Use of such forms of transportation is limited or restricted only when necessary to provide for the safety of all members of the University community or to protect University property. This policy addresses the use of the following forms of transportation.

1100.3.1 BICYCLES

- (a) If a bicycle is being operated on a public roadway, the operator must follow all Louisiana Traffic Laws. It must travel with the flow of traffic on the roadway and follow all traffic control devices
- (b) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent or regular seat attached thereto
- (c) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which is it designed and equipped.
- (d) A person operating a bicycle shall at all times keep at least one hand upon the handle bars.
- (e) When operating a bicycle on the sidewalk or other pedestrian areas, operators are to give right of way to all pedestrians and exercise due care when operating the bicycle at all times.
- (f) Bicycles should be operated at a safe speed and all wheels maintain contact with sidewalk or roadway at all times.
- (g) At no time should the operator for any reason traverse stairs, rails, or perform acrobatics with the conveyance.
- (h) Helmets and other certified safety equipment are strongly encouraged to protect the operator from injury should an incident occur.
- (i) If damage should occur to University property from use of the conveyance in a way that conflicts with this policy the operator of the device shall be held liable and responsible for repair or replacement.

1100.3.2 SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated by signage or regulation operators of skateboards may be ridden on sidewalks and pedestrian areas.
- (b) Operators must exercise due care when traveling on the conveyance.
- (c) When operating on a sidewalk or other pedestrian areas, operators are to give right of way to all pedestrians.
- (d) No skateboard shall be ridden inside buildings, on accessibility ramps, alley, roadways, or parking lots.

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- (e) Skateboards, scooters, skates and similar devices shall be operated at a safe speed and all wheels maintain contact with sidewalk in a forward motion at all times.
- (f) Skateboards and other similar devices may be carried, but not ridden inside University buildings and classrooms as long as they do not create an obstruction, trip hazards, or damage to University property.
- (g) At no time should the operator for any reason traverse stairs, rails, or perform acrobatics with the conveyance.
- (h) If damage should occur to University property from use of the conveyance in a way that conflicts with this policy the operator of the device shall be held liable and responsible for repair or replacement.
- (i) Helmets and other certified safety equipment are strongly encouraged to protect the operator from injury should an incident occur.
- (j) Use of skateboard as a sled or luge is strictly prohibited.

1100.3.3 MOTORIZED

- (a) The use of motorized conveyances should mainly occur on roadways however when not practical the use of sidewalks and grass areas is authorized.
- (b) When traveling on the roadway, operators are to follow all Louisiana Traffic Laws and obey all traffic control devices.
- (c) When not traveling on roadways operators shall give right of way to pedestrians and other operators on human powered conveyances.
- (d) Operators must exercise due care when traveling on the conveyance.
- (e) Motorized conveyances should be operated at a safe speed as allowed by the current traffic conditions.
- (f) Number of passengers is not to exceed that of designed seating for the conveyance.
- (g) Only motorized conveyances approved by the University Chief of Police or his/her representative is authorized on University Property.
- (h) University motorized conveyances are to be operated by authorized personnel while completing a function in regards to their University duties and should not be used off campus without written permission.
- (i) Motorized conveyances should never be operated in any building at any time, without special permission from the Chief of Police, Vice President for University Affairs, or the President of the University.
- (j) If damage should occur to University property from use of the conveyance in a way that conflicts with this policy the operator of the device shall be held liable and responsible for repair or replacement.
- (k) Operators of University owned conveyances shall have permission from their supervisor or department head. Until such permission is granted that person shall not operate a University owned conveyance.