

Tapestry Public Charter School Policy Manual

Student Helmet Use Policy

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Revised:

The Tapestry Public Charter School Board adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board.

Sections: **I. PURPOSE**
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I. PURPOSE

The Tapestry Public Charter School values and encourages students walking and bicycling to and from school, and is working to implement pedestrian and bicycle safety education for all students. To promote student safety, all students riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards or other wheeled skates to and from school MUST wear CPSC or SNELL certified bicycle or skateboard helmets. As to bicycles, this is a state law as well as a school policy. O.C.G.A. 40---6---296 (e)(1).

II. PROPER HELMET USE

Helmets may not be held in the hands of students, carried on handlebars, or worn without being strapped under the chin; **THEY MUST BE WORN PROPERLY.** Any student who enters the school campus without a helmet worn properly will be referred to the principal and a call home will be required to remind the parent/guardian of the Tapestry helmet policy and to arrange alternate transportation home in the absence of a helmet. A second violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the bike, scooter, skateboard or wheeled skates to be released only when a parent/guardian comes to campus to retrieve it or when the student returns with a helmet. Parents/guardians and students will sign an agreement at the beginning of the school year acknowledging they have read and agree to this policy and that it is the primary responsibility of that parent to ensure their child is in compliance with this policy. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss with their children the benefits of helmet use when riding to and from school or around the neighborhood, and it is expected that parents/guardians shall provide helmets for their student riders.