



Cypress Creek Elementary

Walker and Bike Rider Policy

Students walking and riding their bike to and from school **MUST** follow the rules below for the safety of our students, families, and staff. Students who do not follow the policies may receive disciplinary action at school.

- 1) Parents are required to sign the walker/biker contract in order for child(ren) to walk or ride a bike to school each day.
- 2) For safety reasons, **students MAY NOT arrive on campus before 7:10 AM.**
- 3) Students and parents must follow the directions of the staff and patrols stationed at the crosswalks. Staff are stationed at the crosswalks from 7:10 AM until 7:40 AM and then during dismissal until all walkers/bikers have left. Only cross when instructed to do so by the staff. (Bikes are to be walked across the driveway and along the sidewalk into the school). ***Parents with students crossing at unsupervised times cross at their own risk!***
- 4) At dismissal, parents are to wait at the designated area (outside the fence on the sidewalk) until the students are brought to you. All Kindergarten students must be accompanied by an older sibling or meet an adult at the designated area. No Kindergarten children will be released from campus without an older sibling or a parent/guardian present – ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***
- 5) All students riding a bike must follow Florida State Law 316.2065 while operating their bicycle to and from school. **Helmets must be worn at all times.** If a child does not come to school with his/her helmet, they will not be permitted to ride their bike home. The bike will be kept safe at school, and the child will be required to walk home until they come to school with a helmet.
- 6) On rainy days, it is at the discretion of Administration as to whether the students will be released or held at school. In the event of severe weather (lightning, hail, tornado warnings, etc.), students **WILL** be held on campus, and parents will be contacted via Parent-Link with specific information regarding release or pickup of students.

We want to emphasize the importance of student and family safety, especially with our walkers and bike riders. It is each family's responsibility to instill the importance of safety and appropriate behavior for students as they travel to and from school. While Cypress Creek Elementary will ensure student safety ON our campus, we cannot control behavior and/or actions of others outside our campus. In the event of a non-emergency situation off campus, please contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (813)247-8200 FIRST to alert the proper authorities. As a courtesy, the school should be made aware of the situation as well.

