



Procedure Guideline: Use of Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, and Similar Devices on Campus

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Purpose

Northeast Texas Community College encourages a vibrant, active, and accessible campus community. The use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and similar personal mobility devices helps promote a healthy, student-centered lifestyle and a collegiate atmosphere.

This procedure ensures that such activities can be enjoyed safely and responsibly without creating hazards for pedestrians, property, or the individuals using them.

Scope

This procedure applies to all students, employees, and visitors operating bicycles, scooters (manual or electric), skateboards, rollerblades, Segways, or other similar devices on NTCC property, including sidewalks, courtyards, parking lots, and campus roadways.

General Guidelines

1. Respect and Safety First

- Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Riders must yield to pedestrians in all areas and travel at a safe speed—generally walking pace when near others.
- Devices should not be operated in a reckless or disruptive manner.
- Follow all Texas traffic laws on college roadways.
- Riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and other protective gear.
- Night Riding:
 - Bicycles and e-scooters operated after dark must have a white front light and red rear reflector or light visible from at least 500 feet.
 - Riders are encouraged to wear reflective clothing or accessories to increase visibility.

2. Permitted Areas of Use

- Bicycles, scooters, and similar devices may be used on campus roadways, sidewalks, and open walkways, provided users exercise caution.
- Riding is not permitted inside buildings or in areas specifically marked as “No Ride Zones.”
- Riders should dismount and walk their devices when entering crowded pedestrian areas (e.g., between Student Union, classrooms, and Eagles Nest area during peak times).

3. Parking and Storage

- Bicycles and scooters should be secured only at designated racks or parking areas.
- Devices may not block doorways, ramps, stairways, or building entrances.
- Skateboards or small scooters may be carried indoors if clean and stored safely out of walkways (e.g., under desks or in residence halls as allowed).

4. Prohibited Behaviors

- Performing tricks, jumps, or stunts on campus structures, benches, railings, or steps.
- Operating motorized or electric devices exceeding 15 mph on campus walkways.
- Using devices in a manner that causes noise, damage, or endangers others.
- Charging large electric scooters or bikes in unauthorized outlets or common areas.

5. Personal Responsibility

- Riders are responsible for the safe operation, maintenance, and storage of their equipment.
- NTCC is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal mobility devices.

6. Battery Charging and Fire Safety

- Personal mobility devices that use lithium-ion or similar rechargeable batteries (e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, etc.) must be charged only in approved areas designated by Residence Life and Plant Services.
- Charging is not permitted in hallways, stairwells, or near combustible materials, and extension cords may not be used for charging these devices.
- Any device showing signs of battery damage, swelling, or overheating must be reported immediately to Campus Police or Plant Services for safety evaluation.
- Hoverboards are prohibited in all campus housing due to fire safety concerns, consistent with national campus fire prevention recommendations.

7. Enforcement

- Campus Police or designated staff may issue a warning or direct riders to dismount in unsafe situations.
- Repeated or serious violations may result in temporary loss of riding privileges or disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.

8. Events and Programs

- NTCC may designate certain days or areas for organized recreational use (e.g., “Skate & Roll Day”) to promote community engagement while maintaining safety supervision.

Message to Students

NTCC values an active and connected campus life. Riding your bike or board to class is part of what makes college life fun and sustainable—just remember that our shared spaces work best when everyone feels safe. Be courteous, stay aware, and ride smart.

Campus Message: Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards & Personal Wheels on Campus

At Northeast Texas Community College, we love seeing students enjoy an active and vibrant campus. Whether you ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, or other personal wheels, you’re part of what makes NTCC feel like a true college community.

To keep our shared spaces safe and welcoming for everyone, please follow these simple guidelines:

Ride Smart & Share the Space

- Pedestrians always come first. Slow down and yield to people walking, especially in busy areas.
- Keep your speed to walking pace when near others—especially around classroom buildings, the Student Union, and Eagles Nest.
- Always ride with care and courtesy. No racing, weaving through crowds, or stunts on benches, steps, or railings.

Where You Can Ride

- Riding is allowed on campus sidewalks, open walkways, parking lots, and roadways as long as it’s done safely.
- No riding inside buildings or in clearly marked “No Ride Zones.”
- When in crowded areas, please dismount and walk your bike, board, or scooter.

Parking & Storage

- Park bikes and scooters only at designated racks or approved areas.
- Don’t block entrances, ramps, or stairs.
- You may carry small items like skateboards inside if they’re clean and safely stored under desks or in residence halls.

Be Responsible

- You’re responsible for keeping your equipment in good shape and for storing it safely.

- NTCC isn't responsible for lost or damaged personal devices.
- If you're asked by Campus Police or staff to dismount or slow down, please cooperate—it's for everyone's safety.

Keep It Fun & Safe

Riding on campus adds energy and movement to NTCC life. Just be smart, courteous, and aware of those around you—so everyone can enjoy our beautiful campus together.

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