

A photograph showing the lower half of several children standing next to their bicycles. The bicycles are in various colors like red, blue, and green. The children are wearing backpacks and casual clothing. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting.

## Bicycle Safety and Safe Routes to School

Illinois School Code includes multiple references to safety education and layers instructional intent and purpose throughout grade levels and areas of instruction. Many opportunities should be provided to help students understand safety, including bicycle safety and safe routes to school. This guidance document has been compiled to help demonstrate the importance of these opportunities and where instruction and supplemental resources may be accessed.

### Driver Education

Instruction shall be given in safety education in each of the Grades 1-8, equivalent to one class period each week. See [105 ILCS 5/27-24.2](#). This instruction may include information for students regarding bicycle safety and safe routes to school.

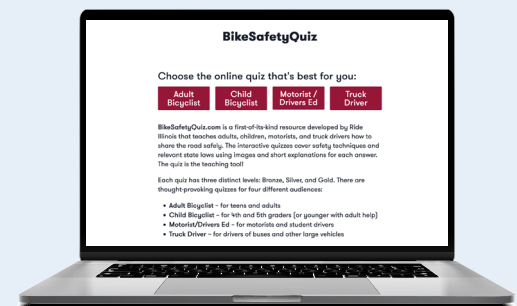
### Safety Education

A district must provide a coordinated and supervised course of study in safety education in its elementary schools. See 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.430(a)(10) [Section 1](#).

School boards of public schools and all boards in charge of educational institutions may provide instruction in safety education in all grades and include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein. Such boards may provide instruction in safety education for not less than 16 hours during each school year. See [105 ILCS 5/27-17](#). Per Public Act 102-0971, "safety education" as used in this section of School Code includes safety in the home, including safe gun storage; safety in connection with recreational activities; safety in and around school buildings; and water safety that incorporates evidence-based water safety instructional materials and resources.

### Bike Safety Quiz

Ride Illinois works to increase safe interactions between motorists and cyclists. This quiz was created to help share bike safety information with more people. **Schools are eligible to receive money for each student who takes the quiz.** Check out [BikeSafety-Quiz - Ride Illinois](#) for more details!



## Traffic Injury Prevention Policy

The school board of a school district that maintains any of grades kindergarten through 8 shall adopt a policy on educating students on the effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling; such education must be made available to students in grades kindergarten through 8. Districts are required by [105 ILCS 5/27-23.11](#) to adopt a policy on educating students on the effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling for students.

## Resources



- [Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road 2024](#)
- [Ride Illinois is making Illinois better through biking - Ride Illinois](#)
- [Bicycle Safety Curriculum](#)
- [Safe Routes Info](#)
- [Bicycle Safer Journey](#)
- [Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety | FHWA](#)

