

Section IX. Appendices

K. Bicycle Safety Helmet Proclamation Duval County, Florida School Board

Bicycle Safety Helmet Proclamation

Duval County Public Schools
Jacksonville, Florida

Whereas, the Duval County School Board is dedicated to providing a safe environment for students to achieve optimum educational development; and

Whereas, in 1995 there were seven (7) bicycle-related fatalities and two hundred ninety-three (293) non-fatal injuries in Duval County; and

Whereas, ninety-six (96) of those injuries involved children ages five (5) through fourteen (14); and

Whereas, only one (1) out of ninety-six (96) children in Jacksonville during 1995 had a helmet on during the crash event! The estimated cost of those preventable bike-related injuries to children in Jacksonville was \$16 million; and

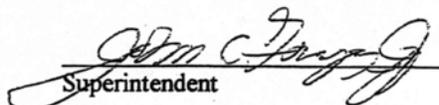
Whereas, bicycle safety helmets are eighty-five percent (85%) effective in reducing the risk of head injury; and

Whereas, as of January 1, 1997, it is a Florida State Law (F.S. 316.2065 (3d)) that all children under the age of sixteen (16) must wear a helmet when riding bicycles anywhere traffic passes; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that it shall be the goal of the Duval County Public Schools, to encourage all bicycle riders to comply with the new bicycle helmet law; and

Now, therefore, let it be known, that the Duval County School Board does hereby proclaim this 18th day of August 1999, that bicycle helmets should be worn for the protection of bicycle riders as they ride to and from school.

USE YOUR HEAD ... PUT A HELMET ON IT!!!


Superintendent


Chairman, Duval County School Board