



North Delta Secondary

Husky Highlights

May 2025

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As we step into May, the energy and excitement around our school are truly palpable. This month is a time of celebration—of achievements, growth, and the incredible sense of community that defines our school. From student performances and athletic accomplishments to academic milestones and service initiatives, there is much to be proud of. I want to thank our dedicated staff and supportive families for helping to create an environment where students can thrive.

We are also looking ahead with great anticipation to one of the most meaningful moments of the year—Graduation. Our Grade 12 students are preparing to cross the stage and take the next step in their journeys. It’s a time of reflection, celebration, and well-deserved recognition. We are so proud of their perseverance, growth, and contributions to our school community. Details about our upcoming graduation ceremony and events will be shared soon, and we look forward to coming together to honour this important milestone. Wishing everyone a joyful and successful month ahead.

Ms. Sahota
Principal

Mr. Nikic
Vice Principal

Mr. Richards
Vice Principal

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- 1 May S2 Written Update
- 4 May ILT Grad Assembly in the Theatre
- 5 May MMIG Red Dress Day
- 6, 7 May In person Grad Banquet Ticket Sales (\$185)
- 6 May Out in Schools at NDSS
- 8 May PAC Meeting
- 16 May Pro-D-NO SCHOOL
- 19 May Victoria Day-NO SCHOOL
- 21 May Immunizations
- 23 May Red Carpet
Grad Banquet
- 27 May Grade 7 Tours
- 4 June DHA Year End Banquet
- 5 June PAC Final Meeting of 24/25
- 19 June NDSS Athletics Banquet/Awards
- 20 June Final day of S2
- 23-25 June I Days
- 26 June S2 Written Summary

We respectfully acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the shared traditional territories of the Tsawwassen, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Tsleil-Waututh, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nations, who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

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A. Superintendent: Brad Bauman
Principal: Sonia Sahota
Vice Principal: Vlad Nikic
Vice Principal: Bill Richards
Office Manager: Barb Pashak
Trustee: Ammen Dhillion

Emergency Contact Information:
- kidshelpphone.ca (text 686868)
- Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Help Line 9-8-8
- Crisis Line 604-872-3311
- Suicide Help Line 1-800-784-2433
- In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or go to your nearest hospital emergency room

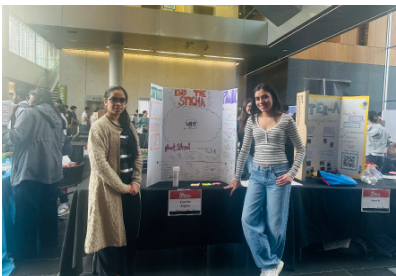


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School Celebrations





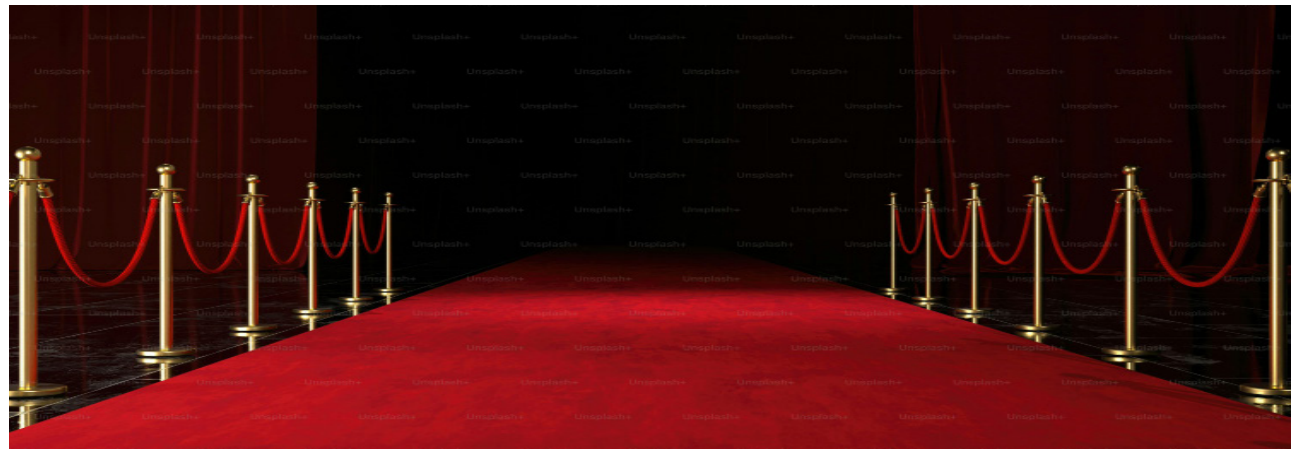
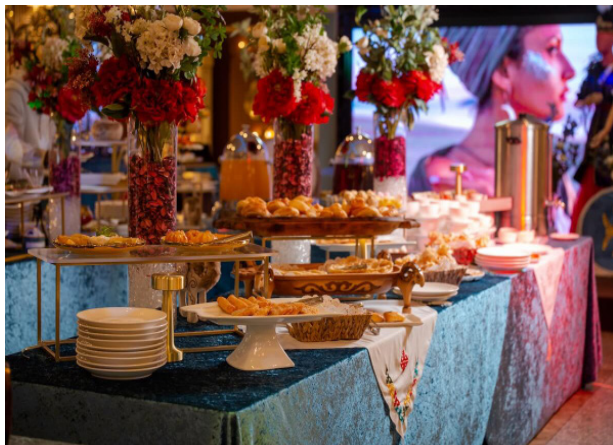
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Grad Celebrations

Grads of 2025! This month we will participate in the annual Red Carpet and Grad Banquet. The Red-Carpet event will occur on May 23rd in our school Theatre. On May 4th during ILT, there will be an assembly providing graduates with all the information they need. It will also be posted to our website. Grad Banquet will be held at UBC The Nest right after the Red Carpet. Graduation valedictory ceremonies will be held on June 26th in our gym. This year we will use the Theatre for overflow and for those families who wish to watch the event live streamed.



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Library Learning Commons (LLC)

It's been a busy and exciting month in the Library Learning Commons! From capstone presentations to cultural displays and engaging student activities, there's been something for everyone.



The LLC renovations are still going on! This month we have been able to beautify the space with moss wall installations. PAC funds were used to purchase board games. School fees/funds and district funds have been used to upgrade the technology creating a space that supports whole group instruction.

In April, the Library Learning Commons proudly hosted the Grade 12 capstone presentations organized by Ms. Kay and Ms. Bialecki, where our senior students showcased their hard work and accomplishments. In addition, Ms. Robertson organized a valuable scholarship information session, providing students with essential insights into opportunities for furthering their education.

Our staff also had the opportunity to participate in a "Lunch and Learn" assessment session led by Cherie Nagra, helping us enhance our teaching practices and support for students. Meanwhile, the B.A.M. (Brandon's All Star Mentorship) group listened intently as Senator Baltej Dhillon spoke about leadership, values, and the importance of giving back to our communities.

In an effort to engage students in the democratic process, NDSS students participated in a student vote organized by Ms. Cleaver, Ms. Smithers, and Ms. Stewart-Hibbeln. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience democracy firsthand.



April also marked Sikh Heritage Month, and Grade 12 student Gurbani Rajput thoughtfully created a meaningful display in the Library Learning Commons, highlighting the rich history of Sikhs in BC.



To further enrich our collection, the Library has recently purchased over 100 Manga books, broadening our resources and catering to diverse student interests. And in April alone, over 200 books were checked out by NDSS students.



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CLC Capstone Project

Gurbani Rajput Capstone Project

I had the honour of being the community member who interviewed Gurbani Rajput. Gurbani’s Capstone Project was focussed on Policing. I was impressed by her presentation and the effort she has put into preparing herself for her future. Gurbani has done volunteer work with both the Delta and Surrey Police which has given her an insight into the work that policing involves and these are but two of the many other experiences she has had in this field. She was one of a select group of students who were successful in their application for the Delta Police Student Academy in July of 2024. The programme is rigorous and demanding and Gurbani aced it! As well, she has female police mentors to support her in this career in the future. Given her age, Gurbani know that she will need to get more life experience before applying to a police force and she has that all figured out as well! She is as well prepared as anyone could be to be successful in her future career in law enforcement and I wish her all the best.

Val Windsor, Vice-Chair Delta Board of Education

For your information, I have included a list of the learning that the students participated in during the Delta Police Student Academy:

- Policing as a career
- Use of force
- Interpersonal Communication and De-escalation
- Firearms training
- Physical training
- Scenarios
- Criminal and traffic law studies
- Problem solving



Mehtaab Sandhu Capstone Project

Mehtaab Sandhu with Jesse Hundal - Mehtaab built his own computer from scratch. This powerful machine can perform many operations that most of our household computers are unable to do. Mehtaab spent over \$4000 for this project where he studied the craft from various computer engineers by reading literature and watching YouTube videos. Fascinating Capstone project by Mehtaab.





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Husky Pride

At the end of each month, NDSS selects a few students who demonstrate a positive impact on our community and improvement of our school culture. The selection process is based on a point system where NDSS staff nominate students who they perceive to be following our school goals (and principles of the Husky P.R.I.D.E.) in the most exemplary ways.

The Husky of the Month Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional understanding of the Husky P.R.I.D.E. principles, as well as leadership at NDSS and a commitment to making a positive impact within the school community. The recognized students reflect most (if not all) aspects of our school goals and strive to make our school a more inviting place by modelling exemplary behaviours. Additionally, they exhibit a passion for learning and a willingness to go beyond the classroom requirements.

Leadership is a key component of this award, and nominees should have a proven track record of leading by example, whether through student government, clubs, sports teams, or other extracurricular activities. They should inspire and support their peers, showing integrity, responsibility, and the ability to unite and motivate others. Community involvement is equally important. The ideal candidate actively participates in volunteer work, school events, or initiatives that benefit the community, demonstrating compassion, empathy, and a desire to make a difference. Positive character traits such as respectfulness, honesty, and perseverance will also be considered. Most importantly, the recipients of this award embody the school's core values and reflect aspects of the District's 2030 Vision, consistently demonstrating respect, kindness, and a strong moral compass.

We thank the ND Staff members who nominated over 40 students in the month of March for this important recognition. The student who received the highest number of nomination/points in March is **Sahibjot Cheema**. Over the first couple of weeks of March, Sahib has demonstrated excellent leadership skills by encouraging others to be kind and compassionate towards others. Sahib also helped students in need by volunteering to work with them outside of school hours. Most importantly, Sahib took the initiative to help out a teacher who needed medical support and he quickly ran to the Office to get professional help so the teacher gets the best medical care as fast as possible. We are very proud of you Sahib! Congratulations on your achievement.

Other students recognized and considered this month are: **Simran Khaira, Avery Wilson, Gurbani Rajput, Jaden Rattan, Jaskirat Sachdev, Jasroop Mrahard, Gurman Cheema, and Jovin Bahia**.

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Career Corner

Hey Huskies. There is Career Panel Chat for students and parents - April 23, 2025 at 6:00-7:00PM. Join the panel chat to hear inspiring stories, explore diverse career paths, and get insider tips to turn passions into a career you'll love. Experts from science communication, nurse, BCEHS, Olympian/Wealth Advisor and CEO - AI-based Creative Technology. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Please visit this link to learn more: <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

<https://deltalearns.ca/careers/>

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

DELTA CAREER PROGRAMS
Delta School District
Inspired Learning

SKILLEDTRADES BC

YOUTH PORTAL DEMO

Youth WORK in Trades & Youth TRAIN in Trades

Join the SkilledTradesBC Youth and Customer Service Team as they provide a walk-through of the Youth Portal followed by Q&A

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH - 3:00-3:30 PM (PST)

Students, Career Counsellors, Educators, Parents - join us!
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR

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CAREER CORNER

The latest news, announcements, and events!
Follow @SD37studentpath OR visit www.deltalearns.ca/careers

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Career Program Interviews: April/May 2025

INTERVIEW

YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES, ACADEMIC DUAL CREDIT AND FIRE INTERVIEWS

Thank you for submitting your application! Once all applications have been reviewed, selected students will receive an invite to a program interview in April/May. Stay tuned!

SKILLS CANADA BC COMPETITION APRIL 16, 2025 TRADEx ABBOTSFORD

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Open to the public for spectating, Try-A-Skill Booths, & Pathways to Careers Showcase

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Judging)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Provincial Medals Award Ceremony)

Admission is free to the general public. Learn more [HERE](#).

CAREER PANELIST CHAT FOR TEENS & PARENTS

6:00PM April 23, 2025
LIVE WEBINAR Free to attend

PANEL SPEAKERS
JABC PICK MY BRAIN

Join us for a panel chat where you'll hear inspiring stories, explore diverse career paths, and get insider tips to turn passions into a career you'll love. Experts from science communication, nurse, BCEHS, Olympian/Wealth Advisor and CEO - AI-based Creative Technology.

REGISTER NOW
<https://shorturl.at/z59P9>

Click [HERE](#) to register

French Competition

ND French students competing at the spring district Concours d'Art Oratoire at Burnsvieiw. 3 of them are advancing to represent the district at the provincial competition this May at SFU Surrey Campus.

- Maheep K. -French 10
- Viktoria V.T. -French 11
- Lucia P. -French 12
- Federica R. -French 12





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NDSS Theatre Company

ATTENTION GRADE 8-11 students!

Do you want to perform in next year's school play?

This is your chance to step into the spotlight and be part of something special! Audition for the school play and you will:

- Meet new people and make lifelong friends
- Build confidence and improve public speaking skills
- Earn course credit while doing something you love
- Express yourself creatively through acting and character development
- Have fun and be part of a supportive, passionate team

We're looking for current Grade 8-11 students with flexible after-school schedules next fall who are ready to:

- Explore your creativity and discover new talents
- Try something new outside your comfort zone
- Collaborate with others, building teamwork skills
- Develop stage presence and performance skills that will help in future endeavors
- Create memories that will last a lifetime and experience the magic of live theatre

No prior experience is required—just a passion for performing and a willingness to give it your all. This is a chance to shine, develop new skills, and be part of an exciting journey from rehearsal to closing night. Don't miss your chance to be part of the next school play!

Join Ms. Inglin at lunch in the Theatre on Thursday April 10 to find out how you can be a part of next year's production! All information will also be posted in Google Classroom (code: attq7qgw), so feel free to join, even if you cannot make it to the meeting!

*If you are interested in joining Theatre Company in a behind-the-scenes role (like doing promo for the play by creating fun and engaging videos) or if you have any questions, please email Ms. Inglin at: singlin@deltalearns.ca





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Theatre London UK Trip

Spring Break 2026- London Theatre Trip - Parent Info Meeting

Attention Grade 9-11 students and families!

The highly anticipated London Theatre Trip 2026 is just around the corner, and we are excited to share more details about this unforgettable adventure. This trip offers Performing Arts students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the heart of one of the world's most vibrant theatre scenes. Students will explore world-class theatre, deepen their understanding of theatre and art history, and fuel their passion for the arts. They will also have the chance to visit London's cultural landmarks, gaining valuable insights into geography, history, and art that will enrich their future studies. Traveling alongside students from Burnsvew and SDSS provides an exciting opportunity to connect with fellow theatre enthusiasts from across Delta.

Students: Join Google Classroom xvb4xv4

- Check out this "London 2026" Google Classroom for a sneak peak at the itinerary, get the zoom link for our upcoming parent meeting and more!

- Parents and Students: Join us for the Parent Meeting!

To help everyone prepare and to answer any questions you may have, we will be hosting a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM via Zoom, followed by a Q & A session

- This meeting will provide essential information about our upcoming trip please be sure to attend!

During this meeting, we will cover general trip details, including:

- Overview of the itinerary and schedule
- Meeting the chaperones and tour company
- Health and safety guidelines
- Cost and what is included
- Insurance and passport info
- How to enroll
- And more!

Ready to find out more?

Please use the QR code on the image attached to RSVP. (If you cannot make it to the meeting, choose "no, but send info" and have your child join the Google Classroom listed above!) We can't wait for our students to create lasting memories in one of the world's most iconic cities for the arts!

Feel free to email Ms. Inglin at singlin@deltaschools.ca with any questions!

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2025/2026 School District Budget Recommendations

Phase 1 of this year's budget public consultation process resulted in more than 150 online survey responses from parents/caregivers on their priorities for the upcoming school year. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. You can see a summary of the feedback, along with an explanation of the school district's budget, here: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/04/Delta-Budget-Handout-2025.pdf>

Following consideration of this feedback and the Ministry's funding announcement, the Delta Board of Education released the draft budget recommendations <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/2025-2026-budget-recommendations/> on Thursday, April 17 on the district's website and in the local media. The Delta Board of Education is inviting you to provide feedback on the draft budget recommendations via an online survey (<https://forms.gle/VBHHCD2kjakfcJz86>), by sending an email to budget@deltaschools.ca, or attending the public board meeting at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 at the School Board Office in Ladner. The deadline for completing the survey or sending an email is noon on Monday, April 21 to enable feedback to be shared with the board before the public board meeting on April 22.



April 2025

Grade 8, 11 and 12 Students

Nurses from Public Health are returning to the school on **May 27** to provide those students in grades 8, 11 and 12 who did not get their HPV vaccine at the last school immunization clinic the opportunity to get it now. Students will also be offered any other vaccines that they should have at this time.

Students who are unable to make this school clinic, please visit <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/howtoimmunized> for information on how and where to get immunized near you.

Visit www.fraserhealth.ca/uvp to learn more about the HPV catch-up campaign. If you have questions, please contact your local Public Health unit, or visit www.healthlinkbc.ca

Public Health Units					
Abbotsford 804-804-3400	Agassiz 804-793-7180	Burnaby 804-616-7805	Chilliwack 804-702-4800	Cloverdale 804-575-5100	Coquitlam 804-587-4750
Hope 804-880-7930	Langley 804-638-2800	Maple Ridge 804-476-7000	Mission 804-814-5600	New Westminster 804-777-6740	Port Moody 804-949-7200
Newton 804-682-2000	North Delta 804-607-5400	North Surrey 804-587-7800	South Delta 804-852-3660	White Rock 804-542-4000	

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

Finding and Creating Connection With Kids

ONLINE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARING ADULTS

Connecting with kids can feel challenging, especially when they are struggling with their mental health. Whether we are a parent or a caring adult in a young person's life, what we say and do matters. Simple, caring conversations and shared moments—no matter how small—can have a meaningful impact. Join us online for a candid conversation with parents who have navigated these challenges firsthand.

TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PST)

This event is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations. For more info and resources go to: may7icare.ca

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

Substance Use and the Power of Support

ONLINE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARING ADULTS

Fear is often the loudest emotion when our kids are involved in substance use—but what if we led with care instead? Join us online for an important conversation with Guy Francella, a renowned advocate and speaker, as he shares how connection and relationship can make a difference in substance use and addiction.

THURSDAY MAY 8, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PST)

Overcoming a hard-to-heal substance use disorder has been hard for the speaker after years of homelessness, gang involvement, and surviving overdose in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Now, Guy passionately promotes harm reduction, shared messaging, and better access to treatment. Being a parent or caregiver can be incredibly lonely. Explore others and paths for compassionate drug policies and addiction support.

This event is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations. For more info and resources go to: may7icare.ca

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

Supporting Kids with Substance Misuse

ONLINE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARING ADULTS

As parents and caring adults, the way we talk about and understand substance use can deeply influence the young people in our lives. This session will explore evidence-informed approaches shared by those with lived experience, helping us better understand substance use and how we can support without judgment.

WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PST)

Fraser Health's Substance Misuse & Recovery Team is pleased to partner with FamilySmart, Fraser Health, and here2help to bring you this event.

This event is part of FamilySmart's National Child & Youth Mental Health Day celebrations. For more info and resources go to: may7icare.ca

'in the know' Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger

When we're angry, our kids can feel it. Anger can be a hard emotion to manage, but it's important to understand that it's not just about the anger—it's about the feelings underneath. Learning to manage our anger can help us be better parents and protect our kids' mental health.

Learn from our own lives, they shared their own stories.

Join us to watch a video, a presentation together and stay for a Q&A session with our speakers. It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents and get support.

Registration is free!

www.fraserhealth.ca/uvp



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Messages from the District

On Monday, May 5 at 8 a.m., the Pride Flag will be raised at the School Board Office at 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta to mark the beginning of Pride Week in our district. Families are invited to attend to show support for 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, friends, family, and community members.

Pride is a time of joy, reflection, and advocacy. Throughout Pride Week, Delta students and staff will demonstrate their commitment to inclusivity through a variety of activities and initiatives. We also encourage members of the Delta School District community to join us in celebrating Pride Month in June. Whether by participating in events, exploring educational resources, or simply showing support and kindness, every action helps to build a more inclusive and affirming environment for 2SLGBTQIA+ staff and students.

The Pride flag will stay raised at the School Board Office until the end of June to celebrate Pride Month. Our district's commitment to inclusivity is reflected in our [Vision for 2030](#), which aims to create an innovative, inclusive community where all learners belong, and everyone soars. The Vision is supported by procedures ([Administrative Procedure 353: LGBTQIA2S+ Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)), programs and everyday interactions. We strive to ensure 2SLGBTQIA+ students and staff are supported, celebrated, and provided with the resources they need to thrive.

Electric Scooters and E-Bikes

As the warmer weather approaches, students will have more opportunities to engage in bike- and scooter-related activities like commuting to school. Please find below a reminder of the provincial regulations regarding electric kick scooters and electric bikes (e-bikes).

Electric kick scooters should not be used by students travelling to school or while on the school grounds. Despite their popularity in our province, electric kick scooters remain illegal for use on public roads, bike lanes and sidewalks across most of B.C., except in a handful of cities that are taking part in a pilot program to test the use of them. The City of Delta is not part of the pilot program. Even in the pilot program cities, it is illegal for a person under 16 years of age to operate an electric kick scooter. You can view the provincial rules here: [Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation](#).

E-Bikes: In B.C., it is illegal for students under 14 years of age to ride e-bikes. Students can operate light e-bikes at age 14 and standard e-bikes at 16. Parents or guardians of students below the minimum age must not knowingly permit them to ride an e-bike. For more information, including the definitions of a light e-bike and a standard e-bike, please visit: [E-Bike Rules of the Road](#)