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**BACK TO
SCHOOL**
SALES TAX HOLIDAY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY UNTIL

AUGUST 20TH!

Florida's month-long back-to-school tax holiday begins **July 20, 2026, and ends August 20, 2026**. During this period, qualifying items are exempt from the **6% state sales tax** and any applicable county discretionary sales surtax. Eligible items include:

- **Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories** priced at \$100 or less per item, including wallets, handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags (excludes briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags)
 - **School supplies** priced at \$50 or less per item, such as pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, notebooks, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, scissors, rulers, glue, and staplers
 - **Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles** priced at \$30 or less, including flashcards, memory games, puzzle books, interactive or electronic books, and stacking or nesting blocks
 - **Personal computers and related accessories** priced at \$1,500 or less for noncommercial home or personal use, including laptops, desktops, tablets, e-book readers, keyboards, mice, monitors (without TV tuner), printers, and storage devices
- Exclusions:** Items above the price limits, commercial-use computers, cellular phones, video game consoles, digital media receivers, jewelry, watches, umbrellas, and sales within theme parks, entertainment complexes, public lodging, or airports

Next Board Meeting:

BUDGET

Wednesday,

August 12, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Vista CAM

323 Circle Drive

Maitland, FL 32751

407-682-3443



First day of School:

August 11, 2026

OCPS RULING ON BIKES AND E-BIKES IN SCHOOLS

The **Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Board** has voted to ban e-bikes and e-scooters from elementary and middle school campuses, with only high school students holding a valid driver's license or learner's permit allowed to bring them on school property

KEY POLICY DETAILS

- **Prohibited:** All students under 18 (including high school students without a license) cannot ride e-bikes or e-scooters to or on campus.
- **Allowed:** High school students with a driver's license or learner's permit may ride, but must:
 - Register their device for a district decal
 - Wear a helmet
 - Dismount and walk the device once on school property
 - Follow traffic laws
- **Banned devices:** Fastest models (e.g., Class 3 e-bikes) and charging devices on campus

**NON-MOTORIZED
BIKES/SCOOTERS REMAIN
ALLOWED FOR REGULAR
COMMUTING**

LIGHTNING SAFETY

1. *Move to Safe Shelter Immediately*

The safest locations during a thunderstorm are substantial buildings with plumbing or electrical wiring or enclosed metal-topped vehicles with windows up. Avoid small structures like beach shacks, picnic shelters, or carports, as they do not provide adequate protection. If outdoors, do not shelter under isolated trees, cliffs, or rocky overhangs, and move away from bodies of water such as ponds or lakes

2. *Stay Away from Electrical and Plumbing Systems*

Lightning can travel through electrical wiring and plumbing, so avoid using corded phones, computers, and other electrical equipment. Do not touch sinks, baths, faucets, or any plumbing fixtures during a storm. Even concrete walls or floors with metal reinforcements can conduct electricity, so stay off them

3. *Avoid Windows, Doors, and Porches*

Stay in interior rooms and away from windows, doors, and porches. Lightning can strike through openings, and being near glass or exterior walls increases the risk of injury

4. *Protect Yourself Outdoors*

If caught outside with no shelter, do not lie flat on the ground. Avoid tall objects, metal fences, power lines, and windmills. Crouch low with feet together if necessary, but the best option is to seek shelter immediately

5. *Wait 30 Minutes After the Last Thunder*

Even after the storm appears to have passed, remain in safe shelter for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last sound of thunder. Lightning can strike miles away from the main storm, so premature exposure increases risk. Following these rules can significantly reduce the risk of injury or death from lightning, whether at home, work, or outdoors. Always monitor weather forecasts and take thunderstorm warnings seriously.

