

Ride Safe Maricopa Poster Contest

Hosted by the Maricopa Police Department

The Maricopa Police Department invites students to participate in the Ride Safe Maricopa Poster Contest, encouraging young artists to show what bicycle safety means to them. Winning artwork will help promote safe riding habits throughout the community.

Contest Theme - “Ride Safe Maricopa”

Students should create a poster that shows what safe bike or scooter riding looks like in Maricopa. This could include wearing helmets, following traffic rules, riding safely with friends, or sharing the road responsibly.

Contest Dates

- **Contest Opens:** March 30
- **Submission Deadline:** April 17
- **Winners Announced:** April 24 at the Bike Safety Rodeo

Selected posters will be displayed at schools across the city and shared by the Maricopa Police Department.

Eligibility

- Open to students living in or attending school in Maricopa
- One submission per student
- Must designate grade on submission form (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, or 9-12)

Poster Guidelines

- Artwork may be hand-drawn or digital
- Posters should clearly reflect the theme “Ride Safe Maricopa”
- Posters should be original artwork created by the student
- Hand-drawn posters should be created on standard poster or paper size (8.5x11 or 11x17 recommended)
- Digital submissions should be high resolution (JPG or PNG preferred)
- Name and Contact Information also need to be placed on the back of the poster.

Prizes

Winners will receive a free bicycle, and runners-up will receive a free scooter. In addition, selected participants may receive special prizes from the Maricopa Police Department and local community businesses. Winning posters will be displayed throughout the community and at local schools to help promote bicycle safety.

Winners will be announced at the Bike Safety Rodeo hosted by the Maricopa Police Department on April 24, 2026, at the Maricopa Library and Multi-cultural Center.

How to Submit

Digital Submissions

- Email artwork to: **mpdtraffic@maricopa-az.gov**

Physical Posters

Posters may be hand delivered to the front office of any Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) school or to the Maricopa Police Department:

Maricopa Police Department

18135 N Park Plaza

Maricopa, AZ 85138

Submissions must be received by 5pm on **April 17**.

Student Entry Information (Make sure this is legible – as this is how winner notifications will be made!)

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Explain what is being shown in your poster and how it relates to “Ride Safe Maricopa”

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

I grant permission for my child’s artwork to be displayed by the Maricopa Police Department and used in promotional materials related to bicycle safety.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____