

DC Student Transit Subsidy Program

Frequency Asked Questions about the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” Program

How does the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” program work?

District students can board a Metrobus for free during limited hours on the weekday – 5:30 am to 9:00 am and 2:00 and 8:00pm. During these hours, students can “flash” their DDOT issued Travel Card ID or Student DC One Card to the bus operator.

Starting in January 2014, all DDOT Issued Travel ID Cards (‘blue’ & ‘green’) for the 2013-2014 school year will no longer be valid to purchase transit passes or to be used a proof of payment during the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” program.

My child uses Metrobus between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm and after 8:00 pm on weekdays. Can he or she ride the bus for free?

No. However, he or she can purchase discounted passes for travel on Metrobus through WMATA. A 10-trip bus pass is available for \$7.50 and a 30-day pass is available for \$30. The 30-day pass is good for bus and train trips.

My child attends a DCPS school. What is the process for accessing the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” benefit?

Students must flash their DC One Card.

Can my child’s school uniform serve as proof that they can get on the bus for free?

No. Students must present an eligible “flash” product to board the bus for free during the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” program hours.

My child attends a Charter School. What is the process for accessing the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” benefit?

Charter school students can access the program by flashing their “blue” colored DDOT Student Travel ID Card (until December 16, 2013) or Student DC One Card for the remainder of the school year. The DDOT student travel ID can be obtained through the school by completing and submitting an application. Once a student gets their DC One Card, then he or she will stop using the Student Travel ID as a “Kids Ride Free on Bus” flash pass and start using the DC One Card as flash pass to board the bus for free – only during the program hours.



My child attends a Private or Parochial School. What is the process for accessing the “Kids Ride Free on Bus” benefit?

Private school students can access the program by flashing their “light-green” colored DDOT Student Travel ID Card (until December 16, 2013) or Student DC One Card for the remainder of the school year. The DDOT student travel ID can be obtained through the school by completing and submitting an application. Once a student gets their DC One Card, then he or she will stop using the Student Travel ID as a “Ride Free on Bus” flash pass and start using the DC One Card as flash pass to board the bus for free – only during the program hours.

