

The FAQs about bus transportation

New CDTA pass will provide more options

City School District of Albany students who ride CDTA buses will have more flexibility during the 2008-09 school year thanks to a new pass that will be good whenever CDTA buses operate on weekdays.

Students in elementary school will continue to receive yellow bus transportation from Durham School Services. Elementary school students in open enrollment and magnet programs will ride yellow buses if their school is more than 1.5 miles from their home.



Special education students who live closer than 1.5 miles to their school also may be eligible for transportation on Durham buses if their Individualized Education Plan specifically requires it.

Applications for bus service are available at your child's school or Central Registration, located in the Sunshine Building in Lincoln Park, at the intersection of Morton and Delaware avenues.

See page 2 of the printed newsletter or check out our other transportation stories online for more information about yellow bus transportation services.

The new CDTA pass

The new school district bus pass will be accepted on all CDTA buses and is similar to the Swiper cards used in the past. The new pass will be valid during the school year only. It will allow students to ride the bus Monday through Friday from the time CDTA service begins (most routes start between 5-6 a.m.) and provides transportation to after-school programs anywhere in the city.

This increased schedule will allow students more travel options and provides access to dozens of routes CDTA operates.

Students must have their passes with them at all times and will be required to swipe their card through the fare box to get on a CDTA bus. If a student does not have their pass when boarding a CDTA bus, they will be required to pay the appropriate fare to complete the trip. The current one-way fare on a CDTA bus is \$1.

Students must report the loss of a pass to the school district immediately. Damaged cards will not be accepted.

Expected behavior

Students' safety is a priority. We expect all students to conduct themselves appropriately on all school-related transportation.

When riding CDTA buses, students are expected to follow CDTA rules and regulations for using service and are subject to the CDTA Code of Conduct, which outlines expected behavior for all riders and ensures that everyone receives the best service possible.

All riders and CDTA employees are expected to treat each other with respect and courtesy. The Code of Conduct can be found online at www.cdfa.org.

Students who are disorderly on any school-related transportation may have their bus privileges suspended. Students who frequently misbehave may have their bus privileges taken away permanently.

Questions and information

The CDTA route network is extensive and easy to understand.

To plan a trip to and from school, to an after-school activity or to a special event, visit www.cdfa.org and review schedules or use the automated trip planner. Copies of schedules can be obtained at school or at public libraries, shopping centers and select supermarkets.

Trip planning also is available by calling the CDTA Information Center at 482-8822.

If you have questions about your transportation needs, your eligibility for a CDTA pass or Durham yellow school bus service, please contact the school district's Transportation Office at 462-7320.