

DC Student Ride Guide

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



No card, no free ride

If you forget or lose your Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card, you must pay the regular fare to ride Metrorail, Metrobus or DC Circulator until you find or replace your card. To request a new Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card, see the School ID Administrator at your school.

If you see something, say something.

When riding Metro, please be aware of your surroundings. To report any unattended bags or suspicious behavior, contact Transit Police via text at 696873 (MyMTPD) or call 202-962-2121. You can also tell the station manager.

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**Students ride free
when they tap and go!**

Students ages 5 through 21 who are enrolled in a DC public school, public charter school or private school can ride Metrobus, Metrorail and DC Circulator to school and school-related activities in DC for FREE.

Program eligibility

To be eligible, students must:

- 1** Be a resident of the District of Columbia.
- 2** Be aged 5 through 21.
- 3** Be enrolled in an elementary or secondary public, private, charter or parochial school located within the District of Columbia or youth in the care of the District of Columbia.

When you can use your card

- The SmarTrip® card is active on receipt and good until the end of September 2023.
- The card is pre-loaded with the Kids Ride Free Pass and will be ready to use on Metrorail, Metrobus and DC Circulator.
- The card is good for the entire school year.

Frequently asked questions

Where can I receive a new Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card?

Request a Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card from your School ID Administrator at your school.

How do I use my card?

Tap your Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card on the faregate or farebox target on Metrorail, Metrobus or DC Circulator. Be sure to tap your Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card by itself. Flashing the card to ride Metrorail, Metrobus or DC Circulator is never permitted.

Can I let someone else use my Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card?

No, your card is for your use only and is not transferrable.

What if I lose my card?

Request a new Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card from your School ID Administrator at your school. The lost card will be reported to Metro and will no longer be active. You will not be charged for a replacement Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card, but must pay regular fare to ride Metrorail, Metrobus and DC Circulator until your new card arrives.

Can I add value to my Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card?

No, you cannot add value to your Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card.

When does my old card expire?

Replace your card from the previous school year by the end of September of the current school year.

Other questions?

- Call the DDOT School Transit Office at **202-673-1740**
- Visit **kidsridefree.dc.gov**

