

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CITY SCHOOLS)

DEPARTMENT: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
SUBJECT: PRE-PAID TICKETS: STUDENT MTA PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE:

Explain process and guidance for the provision of MTA student transportation during times when the One Card is not valid. This document provides guidance to manage Pre-Paid Ticket program and control costs.

II. CITY SCHOOLS ESSENTIAL:

Essential 5: Resources that Promote High Achievement for Every Student.

III. GOVERNING POLICY/REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS:

Student Eligibility for One Card Plus and MTA Pre-Paid Tickets:

To be eligible for the MTA Pre-Paid Tickets, students must live the required distance from home to their school of choice (1.5 miles or more for middle and secondary school students) and require MTA transportation to and from approved school related activities.

Transportation eligibility is determined by measuring the distance from the student's residence to the appropriately designated school.

- A. High School Students. All high school students living 1.5 miles or more from their school of choice are eligible for MTA transportation. For the purpose of this policy, high school shall be a school accommodating grades 9 through 12.
- B. Middle School Students. All middle students living 1.5 miles or more from their school of choice are eligible for MTA transportation. For the purpose of this policy, middle school shall be a school accommodating grades 6 through 8.
- C. Secondary students changing addresses during the school year may elect to remain at their current school. However, they will be eligible for MTA transportation provided the new address is at least 1.5 miles or more from the secondary school currently attended and that school was the designated attendance school for the previous address.
- D. Unsafe Walking Conditions. Some public school students who live less than the required distance for middle or high schools may be eligible for MTA transportation if unsafe walking conditions exist between their residences and their school.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES:

Overview:

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The MTA Pre-Paid ticket program is to supplement MTA travel to and from approved school activities or approved after school programs for times the One Card is not valid. During school year 2017-2018 schools and after school programs can order MTA Pre-Paid tickets.

Following are times when the provisions of the Pre-Paid tickets are authorized;

1. Approved school related activities that require MTA travel during school days after 8:00 PM.
2. Approved off site after school related activities that require MTA travel during school days after 8:00 PM.
3. Approved school related activities that require more than the four One Card trips between 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM during school days.
4. Approved school related activities that require MTA travel on Saturdays or days when schools are closed. Pre-paid tickets are the fare for these times; One Cards will not work on days when schools are closed and Saturdays and Sundays.

Students who are assigned Pre-Paid tickets can only use the fares to get to and from school and approved school activities. Students are not permitted to lend, give or sell their tickets to others. Following are examples of approved activities or programs;

1. Athletic teams
2. Cheerleading teams
3. Pep bands
4. CTE internships
5. Program internships
6. Arts programs
7. Night School
8. City School approved after school programs
9. Saturday SAT testing

MTA service is costly and the new systems are intended to control costs and are to be managed efficiently by district and school based staff. MTA charges Baltimore City for pre-paid tickets.

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