

Appendix B – Student Ridership on School Buses and Public Transit

The following table shows Baltimore City middle and high school student ridership on school buses and public transit. This includes eligibility and fares for the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and five peer transit agencies.

| State | School District | Transit Agency | City | Student Enrollment (K-12) | Daily Ridership | | | | School Bus | | Public Transit | | | |
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| | | | | | School District | | Transit Agency | | Eligibility | Fee | Eligibility | Adult Fare | Student Fare | Who Pays Fare? |
| | | | | | School Bus | Public Transit | Total | Student | | | | | | |
| FL | Miami-Dade County Public Schools | Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) | Miami | 350,846 | (17%) 59,093 | (2%) 5,800 | 176,700 | (3%) 5,800 | Students who are attending their designated home/residence school and who live more than two (2) miles from the school will generally be eligible for transportation. However, this rule does not apply to students in magnet/school choice programs nor to most other students who are attending a school other than their designated home/residence school. | None | All students who attend public or private school in Miami-Dade are eligible for a K-12 EASY Card. | 2.25 | 1.10 | Student |
| GA | Atlanta Public Schools Fulton Co Public Schools DeKalb Co Public Schools | MARTA | Atlanta | 230,756 | (79%) 181,912 | (19%) 43,890 | 204,250 | (21%) 43,890 | Atlanta: Bus stops are placed outside the shortest 1 mile navigation of elementary schools and 1 ½ mile navigation of middle and high schools. Fulton: Not Available DeKalb: Transportation to a school will be provided to students who live outside of a one mile radius of their attendance area. | None | 10-Trip Student Breeze Passes may be purchased by participating primary and secondary schools and given or sold to registered students. Student eligibility to receive passes is determined by the participating school. | 2.50 | 1.44 | Public Schools |
| HI | Hawaii Department of Education | TheBus | Honolulu | 121,196 | (12%) 15,000 | (14%) 17,351 | 108,800 | (16%) 17,351 | Students in Grades K-5 must reside a mile or more, and students in Grades 6-12 must reside 1.5 miles or more, from the school within their attendance area to qualify for regular school bus service. | Annual Roundtrip - \$270 Annual One-Way - \$135 Students who meet the criteria may receive a free bus pass. | Youth Fare and Passes: "Youth" means a person 6 through 17 years of age. The term includes high school students, up to 19 years of age, with a valid high school identification card establishing the age of the students and the student's current enrollment. | 2.50 | 1.25 | Student |
| MD | Baltimore City Public Schools | Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) | Baltimore | 84,976 | (5%) 4,000 | (32%) 27,000 | 161,550 | (17%) 27,000 | Elementary School Students | None | Middle school and high school students who live more than 1.5 miles from their school selected through school choice receive a monthly S-Pass for use on the MTA. | 1.70 | (1.20) free | Public Schools |
| DC | District of Columbia Public Schools | WMATA | Washington | 66,335 | (5%) 3,239 | (24%) 16,062 | 647,300 | (2%) 16,062 | Special Needs Students | None | School Discount Program (K-12) - Kids Ride Free on Rail: Students, between the ages of 5 to 21, who live in the District and attend a DC public school or DC public charter school. Kids Ride Free on Bus: Students, between the ages of 5 to 21, who live in the District and attend a DC public school, DC public charter school, or DC private or parochial school. | 1.75 | (N/A) free | Public and Private Schools |
| MN | Minneapolis Public Schools | Metro Transit | Minneapolis | 35,356 | (79%) 28,000 | (14%) 4,900 | 134,900 | (4%) 4,900 | Elementary grades (Pre-K-5) walking distance to a school is one-half (.5) mile or less. Middle grades (6-8) walking distance to a school is one (1) mile or less. Families who live outside of a school's attendance area or in the walk zone will not receive transportation. | None | High school students: All transportation eligible students will receive a free Go To Card. These are students who are within the attendance zone of their school, but outside the walk-zone. Also, students who are enrolled in a city-wide program and outside the walk-zone of their school. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and are within the 2-mile walk zone of their school. | 2.25 | (1.60) free | Public Schools |