

To: Principals/School Administrators

From: Maureen Edozie, Director, Transportation Business Operations

Date: August 18, 2022

Subject: SEPTA Student Fare Card Program SY22-23

This memo is to provide a distribution plan for the SEPTA Student Fare Card Program for SY22-23.

We anticipate that some students will return to school with Fare Cards and that some schools may have Fare Card inventory remaining from last year. In addition, new Fare Cards will be delivered to each school in person or mailed in clearly labeled packages. The delivery schedule is available on the Transportation Services website under the SEPTA Student Fare Card link. The number of Fare Cards delivered to each school is based on the school May Fare Card-eligible student count in COMPASS. Please contact Nazareth Latimore at nlatimore@philasd.org if additional Fare Cards are required.

Fare Card distribution plan

- **Students with a previously assigned Fare Card** - If a student was assigned a Fare Card, is attending the same school and is eligible for transportation services, their assigned Fare Card will automatically activate at the beginning of the new school year. Unless they use Regional Rail, there is nothing that you need to do.
- **Regional Rail students** - Regional Rail students, must be given new cards from the new inventory received from the District only (these Fare Cards have a chip that facilitates the upgrade to Regional Rail; other cards do not). Regional Rail students must also be assigned in the Fare Card Application by **October 28, 2022**, or the card will stop working, and they will be unable to upgrade their Fare Cards.
- **Other students** - New students, students who have lost or damaged previously assigned cards, students who have moved, and students who use Regional Rail must receive a new Fare Card and must be assigned in the Fare Card Application by **October 28, 2022**, or the card will automatically stop working. All students other than those using Regional Rail can use the new supply of cards or any cards in the school's existing inventory. As illustrated in the attached notice from SEPTA [here](#), the new Fare Card inventory can be identified by the numbers in the upper right-hand corner. Old Fare Card stock will have a space between the two groups of digits, while the new cards will have no spaces.

Questions

Contact Nazareth Latimore, she can be reached by email at nlatimore@philasd.org or transpass@philasd.org.

Resources - additional information is available by visiting the links below
School District of Philadelphia website links are listed below:

- [SEPTA Student Fare Card Website](#)
- [Transportation Services Website](#)

SEPTA website links are listed below:

- ISEPTAphilly.com/blog/studentfarecard

Other

The Blue Fare Cards are for summer use only and will expire on August 12, 2022. They cannot be used during the school year. Please dispose of any remaining inventory.

- 2-Trip passes and day passes are available for purchase at the cost of \$4 and \$6 each.