

Department of Transportation Services

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To: Principals/School Administrators

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Subject: SEPTA Student Fare Card Updates for SY23-24

Updates for the New School Year:

- Delivery Dates and allocations Please refer to the Transportation Services website at <u>Student Fare Card Delivery Schedule</u> for specific Fare Card delivery dates and details. It is important to note that the number of Fare Cards allocated to each school is determined based on the school's May Fare Card-eligible student count in COMPASS.
- Students with a previously assigned Fare Card Students who return to school with a previously assigned Fare Card that has not been reported lost or stolen and attend the same school without any changes in their residence can continue to use the assigned Fare Card. The Fare Card will activate automatically at the start of the new school year, and there is nothing the school is required to do.
- Other students A new Student Fare Card must be issued to all students that have lost or damaged a previously assigned card, who are new to your school, or who have a change of address. All new Fare Cards distributed will be active from the start of school through October 27, 2023. However, they must be assigned to students in the Fare Card Application by the school by October 27, 2023, or the card will automatically stop working, and the student may be denied access to SEPTA's services.
- Regional Rail students Students who previously upgraded cards to travel on Regional Rail no longer need to do so. Regional Rail services are now included at no extra charge on all Student Fare Cards. Please inform students and parents that weekly upgrades are no longer required.

Other Items:

- **Blue Fare Cards** If you have Blue Fare Cards, they are for summer use only and will expire on August 4, 2023. They cannot be used during the school year. Please dispose of any remaining inventory by August 4th.
- **Two-Trip Passes and Day Passes** Two-Trip Passes and Day Passes are available for purchase from Transporation Services for \$4 and \$6 each.

Resources:

Additional information is available online and can be assessed by visiting the School District of Philadelphia SEPTA Student Fare Card Website.

Questions:

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