



To: School Principals and Administrators
From: VIA Metropolitan Transit
Subject: VIA Student Reduced Fare Card Program – Final Reminder
Date: July 20, 2017

On behalf of VIA Metropolitan Transit, we would like to remind you that beginning this fall 2017 school year, **VIA will no longer issue the paper Student Reduced Fare Cards to area schools and will not mail out packets to the schools as in previous years.**

Middle school students will automatically receive the student fare and will not be required to show any card to ride the bus at the reduced fare.

High school, trade school and college students may use their school photo ID card to ride the bus at the reduced fare. They simply show the bus operator their card upon boarding. Their school photo ID card entitles students to the reduced fare rate.

There will be a limited number of paper Student Reduced Fare Cards printed to provide those high schools, trade schools and colleges that do not issue student photo IDs. Just let us know by August 4, 2017 how many cards you will need and they will be mailed to you.

Also, Just as a friendly reminder:

Students may obtain a VIA Student ID card for \$2.00 from the VIA Customer Information Centers listed in the attached document.

Students are also eligible to purchase a VIA Semester Pass. At \$38.00, the Semester Pass allows pass holders to travel throughout VIA's service area on all regular or express bus, except VIAtrans/Special Event service. The Semester Pass is valid for the following time periods:

Fall Semester – August 1 through January 31
Spring Semester - January 1 through July 31



SEMESTER PASS APPLICATION FORM

I hereby make application for a Semester Pass for the current enrollment period. This pass is to be used solely by me under regulations prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas and/or the policy of VIA Metropolitan Transit.

_____ (Student signature in ink)

_____ (Age)

_____ (Print name in ink)

AUTHORIZATION NEEDED FOR MIDDLE THRU HIGH SCHOOL

I hereby certify that I was witness to the signing of this application by the student named above. This student is in regular attendance for academic credit at this school and is entitled to the Semester Pass in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and/or the policy of VIA Metropolitan Transit.

Date: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Principal or Agent: _____

A completed Semester Pass Application Form and either a VIA issued ID card (additional \$2 processing fee) or school photo ID card displaying the current school year, is required to purchase a Semester Pass sticker for \$38.

The following VIA locations process VIA IDs:

VIA METRO CENTER 1021 San Pedro, 78212 (210) 362-2006 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	DOWNTOWN INFORMATION CENTER 211 W. Commerce, 78205 (210) 475-9008 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	KEL-LAC TRANSIT CENTER 7183 US Hwy 90 W, 78237 (210) 679-0309 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	SOUTH TX MED TRANSIT CENTER 5330 Medical, 78240 (210) 362-2896 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
For More Information Call: (210) 362-2020 TDD (210) 362-2019 www.viainfo.net	NORTH STAR TRANSIT CENTER 7538 San Pedro, 78216 (210) 362-2898 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	CROSSROADS PARK & RIDE 151 Crossroads Blvd., 78201 (210) 731-6616 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm	CENTRO PLAZA AT VIA VILLA 909 W. Houston, 78207 (210) 299-5802 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 6:00pm

VIA ID cards are not available at the following locations:

ELLIS ALLEY PARK & RIDE 212 Chestnut, 78205 (210) 299-1213 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	INGRAM PARK & RIDE 3215 Northwestern Dr., 78238 (210) 521-6773 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	RANDOLPH PARK & RIDE 9400 IH 35 North, 78233 (210) 564-8175 Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm	FRANK L. MADLA TRANSIT CENTER 1584 Cantrell, 78221 Any Questions please call (210) 362-2020 Ticket Window CLOSED until further notice
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The following documents are required in order to purchase a VIA Semester Pass:

1. Completed Semester Pass Application Form (attached).
2. VIA issued ID card (*\$2 processing fee*) or a school photo ID card displaying the current school year.

Please refer to the enclosed Semester Pass Application Form for locations that process a VIA ID card.

School officials may duplicate the application form as needed.

For additional information regarding VIA's Semester Pass Program, please call (210) 362-2020 or visit our website www.VIAinfo.net.

If you have any questions on the new Student Reduced Fare Card Program, or need to order the paper reduced fare cards, please call the VIA Customer Relations Office at 210-362-2310.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.