



MCTD Youth Pass – With a Youth Pass, **registered Marin County students and youth under age 18** will be able to ride on local routes in Marin (excluding the Golden Gate corridor service and any regional or express routes such as the 70/80 lines) without paying any additional fare during six-month periods.

The Marin County Transit District will offer the Youth Pass twice per year during the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer semesters. The 2006 Fall/Winter Pass would be valid from Monday, August 21, 2006 through Sunday, February 25, 2007. The 2007 Spring/Summer Pass would be valid from Monday, February 26, 2007 through Sunday, August 19, 2007.

The Youth Pass will cost \$175 per six-month period. Considering that the regular individual youth fare is \$1 per ride, the purchase of the Youth Transit Pass could amount to considerable cost savings as well as convenience for frequent youth riders. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches will be eligible for free or discounted Youth Passes. Youth who wish to pay for both the Fall/Winter pass and the Spring/Summer pass at the beginning of the school year may do so for a discounted annual price of \$325.

How to use the Youth Pass:

School officials will affix a Youth Transit Pass sticker to the student's Photo ID card. Then students simply need to show it to the driver when they board a Marin local bus.

Who is eligible for the Youth Pass:

Students who attend a participating Marin County school are eligible for the Youth Pass. Marin County youth under age 18 who do not attend a participating school may contact MCTD (contact information below) to participate independently.

How students obtain a Youth Pass:

Students should obtain their Youth Pass sticker from a designated program coordinator at their school. Schools will be responsible for the collection of money for the Transit Pass as well as the distribution of the stickers. Twice per year, stickers will be distributed to schools by the Marin County Transit District, and schools will forward funds collected from students back to MCTD.

How schools can participate in the Program:

To sign up for the program, schools should contact Nannette Brown, Marin County Transit District, at nbrown@co.marin.ca.us (Subj: Youth Pass Program), or by calling (415) 507-4087. Schools will need to estimate the number of students expected to participate and to keep track of how many stickers they have distributed as well as forward all funds collected from students for passes back to MCTD.

Youth Pass Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q. Which bus routes will accept the Youth Pass?

A. The Pass will be good on all Marin County Transit District routes including the local routes and Supplemental School Routes operated by Golden Gate Transit, the West Marin Stagecoach, and local community shuttles like the Twin Cities, Santa Venetia and Marinwood-Terra Linda Shuttles (still in the planning stages). The pass will not be accepted on any Golden Gate regional or express routes such as the 70/80 routes.

Q. What if a student loses their student ID with the Youth Pass sticker on it or it is stolen?

A. If a student ID is lost or stolen, they would first need to obtain a new student ID from their school. Once they have a new student ID card, they will have to request a new Youth Pass sticker from the designated school program coordinator. Students must be aware that there is a \$30 replacement fee for a lost Youth Pass sticker through the first half of the semester and \$15 thereafter. This fee may be waived for stolen student IDs when students are able to document the theft with a police or school security report. Please note that only one replacement sticker can be issued per student per semester.

Q. What if my Transit Pass sticker is damaged?

A. If a Transit Pass sticker is damaged due to wear (e.g., it went through the laundry by accident!), but it is still readily identifiable as a current sticker, students may be able to obtain a new sticker at no cost. Bring the damaged pass to your school program coordinator for a replacement.

Q. What happens at the beginning of the school year before a student is issued their student ID?

A. Schools may distribute temporary Youth Transit Passes which will be valid on MCTD buses for only the first 6 weeks of the school year, after which time all student ID cards with photos should be available. The temporary passes will have expiration dates and drivers will know that after the date of expiration, students must show their student ID card with a valid sticker in order to ride free of charge.

Q. Who can I contact if I have suggestions, comments or other questions about the Youth Transit Pass program?

A. Send your suggestions, comments or questions about the Youth Transit Pass program to Suzanne Bourguignon at the Marin County Transit District (contact information below).

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