

Transportation Service for Eligible High School Students:

Most high school students who are eligible for transportation receive a Metro pass (or script) for use on regular Metro bus routes. Some high school students receive transportation on a designated school bus. This includes students assigned to the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center, some special education program students, and some students in geographic areas with limited Metro bus service.

Seattle Public Schools has worked in partnership with King County Metro to phase in all high school students as Metro riders beginning September 2006 through September 2008. Currently all high schools utilize Metro for their primary to & from regular program transportation. Some geographic areas with limited Metro service currently require supplemental school bus transportation. One such area is the South Park region that requires supplemental school bus service to Chief Sealth & West Seattle high schools. Cleveland also receives supplemental school bus service in the south & southeast cluster due limited Metro service from their school location.

Supplemental school bus service is also provided when transportation-eligible students are unable to use Metro service due to available seat capacity issues. Currently school bus transportation is provided to overcome Metro seat capacity issues for students traveling through the Central District from south to north, i.e. Ingraham & Roosevelt students that live south of I-90. As Metro routes are adjusted to compliment the recent addition of light rail, this supplemental school bus transportation shall be eliminated. Supplemental school bus transportation is also provided to West Seattle HS from the West Seattle South Cluster to overcome similar seat capacity issues serving the immediate neighborhood surrounding the school.

When available, students requesting to ride on a school bus rather than Metro may be assigned to a school bus on a space availability basis. Space availability is defined as five or more seats available below the rated capacity of the bus assigned to the route in question after October 1st of the current school year. This space available transportation, when provided, is only for the school year that it is applied for based on the following criteria: existing stops must be used, access to the stop must be within District assignment criteria, and the granting of space available will not increase cost to the District.