

# SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

## School Bus Program

## Metro Card Program

### SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM: *MDCPS Public School Transportation*

#### **Eligibility**

Public School bus transportation has been provided annually to DASH students whose official address of record is within Miami-Dade County. Students must live more than 2 miles from the nearest Metro Rail Station and more than 2 miles from DASH to be assigned public school bus transportation.

#### **Daily Direct Rides**

Students residing within Miami-Dade County in the eastern most section of the county and more than 2 miles from DASH have annually been assigned direct school bus rides between home and school. This often includes Miami Beach, Key Biscayne, and nearby neighborhoods along Biscayne Boulevard.

#### **Daily Connecting Rides: *Local Bus Routes and Culmer Station Shuttle School Buses***

About 80% of DASH students connect between bus and train. Eligible students receive metro pass service to connect onto the Metro Rail at their nearest station. From here they ride together with other students in the early morning to Culmer Metro Rail Station. From Culmer, dedicated school bus shuttles bring students directly to DASH. The PM process is the same in reverse.

### METRO CARD PROGRAM: *Miami-Dade Transit Public Transportation*

#### **Eligibility**

Miami-Dade Transit Easy Cards are provided to eligible students who request to participate in the program, who meet the eligibility requirements, and who abide by the program rules. Students must live within Miami-Dade County and more than 2 miles from DASH. Students assigned on direct school buses are not eligible to receive Metro Cards.

#### **Program Rules**

Student transit cards are funded monthly with two fares per school day. These funds may only be used for rides to and from school each school day. Transfers between bus and train are included free of charge. School transit funds may not be used for nighttime or weekend travel, or to travel to destinations other than school and home. Only the student assigned to the card may use the card. No other student or family member may use the card. District staff monitor daily student card use. Violating the program rules results in permanent ineligibility.

#### **Access and Replacements**

These Metro Transit Cards provide access to all Miami-Dade Metro Buses and Metro Rail Trains. The card is registered uniquely to the student. The student must record their name in permanent marker on the back of the card and keep record of the 20-digit card number assigned. Replacements for lost cards can be purchased for \$2 at Government Center Station with student ID.