

# FREE YOUTH TRANSIT PASS

Starting Sept. 1, 2022, youth 18 and younger can ride free on all Pierce Transit services thanks to *Move Ahead Washington*, a statewide transportation funding package. We're very excited to welcome more youth to the freedom of transit!

**All youth ride free. Riders 13 and older are encouraged to do one of the following when boarding the bus, if they have a card along:**

- ★ Tap your Youth ORCA card. (The card will not expire if it's registered and youth have until June 30, 2023 to register their card online at [myORCA.com](http://myORCA.com).)
- ★ Show your current High School or Middle School Student ID

## Bring Your Card!

After tapping your ORCA card or showing the driver your school ID, choose a seat and stay seated throughout your ride. Our bus drivers can help answer questions. Let the driver know of any problems or concerns you may have during your ride. You'll also see our public safety officers throughout the system.

**For the first few months of the program, youth who do not have a Youth ORCA card or student ID card along can still ride free.**



Around the Puget Sound region, youth can also ride free on other transit agencies' services. In 2023 and beyond, youth will be directed to get a Free Youth Transit Pass (ORCA card) that allows them to tap their card and ride free across the region. After a card is registered, it will continue to be valid and will automatically convert to an adult card on the cardholder's nineteenth birthday. **Learn more at [PierceTransit.org/freeyouthpass](http://PierceTransit.org/freeyouthpass) and [myORCA.com](http://myORCA.com).**

## TIPS FOR RIDING SAFELY

-  Arrive at your bus stop five to ten minutes before the bus is expected to arrive.
-  Don't engage with strangers.
-  Keep your belongings close to you at all times.
-  Keep a safe distance between you and the bus as it approaches.
-  Wait to board the bus until the doors are completely open and passengers on board have had a chance to step off.

**Remember**, the bus is a public resource, so be courteous to others. Be respectful while on board and at transit facilities. When you ride transit, YOU are responsible for your behavior. Pierce Transit works hard to make sure its buses and transit properties are welcoming, safe and comfortable for everyone. Those who violate the Rules of the Ride, or other applicable laws, may be asked to leave the vehicle or facility immediately. Violators may be banned from transit services for a period of up to one year. In addition, Pierce Transit Police and/or Safety, or local law enforcement agencies, can cite those in violation of Unlawful Transit Conduct laws. If you have a question or concern, email us at [pubsafety@piercetransit.org](mailto:pubsafety@piercetransit.org).

## RULES OF THE RIDE

We have rules for everyone's safety.

### DO

- Riders 19 and older must pay the correct fare and have it ready when boarding.
- Keep animals in suitable carriers, except service animals.
- Use headphones and speak quietly when using a cell phone.
- Make sure to lock brakes on strollers; do not block the aisle, doors or steps.
- Strollers should be controlled by an adult at all times.
- Keep children seated and with you while on the bus.
- Wear appropriate clothing, including shirt and shoes.
- Be civil and respectful of others.
- Make room for others when the bus is crowded.
- Respect transit property.
- Make sure any food or beverages are in spill-proof containers.
- Use Pierce Transit facilities and services for transit use only.
- Let the driver know of any problems or concerns you may have during your ride.

### DON'T

- Use alcohol or marijuana.
- Smoke (including E-Cigarettes or vaping) except in designated areas.
- Bring any of the following items: gas-powered equipment; gasoline; flammable liquids; fireworks; explosives; or corrosives.
- Engage in commercial activity or distribute flyers, pamphlets, brochures, or other written material or gather signatures unless authorized by a Pierce Transit Facilities Use Permit.
- Bring unlawful firearms or other weapons.
- Disturb, harass, or bother others with loud, raucous, harmful, aggressive, violent, obscene or sexually harassing behavior, profanity, or offensive odors.



## Connect with us!

**TRANSLATION SERVICE** is available in more than 200 languages, by calling 253.581.8000, option 1, then option 1 again.

Llame al 253.581.8000. Habrá un representante y servicio de traducción en español disponible para atenderle.

Заказать услуги представителя с переводом на русский язык можно по телефону 253-581-8000.

Xin gọi 253-581-8000 để nói chuyện với Nhân Viên Đại Diện Ban Phục Vụ Khách Hàng là người sẽ cung cấp dịch vụ thông dịch Việt Ngữ.

Tawagan ang 253-581-8000 upang makipag-usap sa Representatibo ng Pangserbi syong Kustomer na magbibigay ng serbiyong pagsasalin ng wika sa Tagalog.

한국어 번역 서비스를 제공하는 상담원과 통화하시려면 253-581-8000 으로 전화하십시오.

អាចទំនាក់ទំនងភ្នាក់ងារសេវាបកប្រែភាសាខ្មែរ (កម្ពុជា) ។  
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致电 253-581-8000 联系客户服务代表 ·  
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