

FREE STUDENT BUS PROGRAM

A Partnership Between Howard County Office of Transportation & Howard County Public School System



All Howard County Public School System middle and high school students can now ride for free on all RTA buses with a valid Student Bus Pass. The program covers the 2021-2022 school year through Sept. 12, 2022.

To obtain the free Student Bus Pass, students must agree to:

- Maintain possession of the pass:
 - *not transfer or share the pass with others*
 - only one replacement pass will be provided to each student
- Abide by Howard County Public School System rules while on board

To apply for the Student Bus Pass:

Parent/guardians and students need to complete the Bus Pass [Permission/Agreement form](#). You must be in the student’s HCPSS account to complete the form. Once completed, the school will then issue each student a numbered bus pass. If you need help completing the form, please call the CHS front office at 410-313-2856.

Rules for Riding the Bus:

- Have your pass ready as the bus approaches
- Wear a mask if a mask mandate is in place for public transportation
- Show your pass to the driver upon boarding and select a seat
- No eating, drinking, smoking, or use of profanity on the bus
- Use earphones when listening to music
- Obey Howard County Public School System rules while on board

Which RTA Routes Serve Select Locations?

Route #	Route Name	Route #	Route Name
301*	Towne Center Laurel to South Laurel	407	Mall in Columbia to Kings Contrivance
302	Towne Center Laurel to Greenbelt Metro	408	Mall in Columbia to Gateway Overlook
401	Mall in Columbia to Clary’s Forest	409*	Towne Center Laurel to Elkrigde SC
402A*	Mall in Columbia to Dobbin Center	414**	Mall in Columbia to Kings Contrivance
403	Mall in Columbia to Red Branch Road	501	Mall in Columbia to Arundel Mills Mall
404	Mall in Columbia to Hickory Ridge	502	Towne Center Laurel to Arundel Mills Mall
405	Mall in Columbia to Ellicott City	503*	Mall in Columbia to Towne Center Laurel
406**	Mall in Columbia to Columbia Gateway		
*No Sunday Service **No Weekend Service			

For detailed bus route, stop, and schedule information, please visit www.transitRTA.com or call **800-270-9553**.