

DASH Transportation Reminders 2021 - 2022

Transportation Assignments – Check Your Portal

DASH students and parents with questions about your MDCPS transportation assignment should first check inside your Student or Parent Portal. There you will find a tab labeled Bus Info that shows your current transportation assignment. You will need metro pass service assigned before the school can request to load funds on a K-12 Discount Fare Easy Card (metro pass) for you.

Receiving your Portal PIN

For those new to MDCPS who need a Portal PIN, school staff is required to verify parent identification in person. Please visit Mrs. Alvarez in the Attendance Office or Mrs. Simon in the Registrar's Office.

Change of Address

Your correct address of residence must be on file in the Student Information System before submitting transportation requests. To update your official address of record, school staff is required to verify proof of residence. Acceptable documents include a deed, lease, rental agreement, or FPL bill. Please contact Mrs. Alvarez in the Attendance Office or Mrs. Simon in the Registrar's Office.

Metro Cards

Incoming students with newly assigned K-12 cards will receive them on campus the first day. They must pay their own fare the first morning. Students please record your name in permanent marker on the back of the card. Keep record of the 20-digit card number (take a photo with your phone). This card should be stored securely in a wallet or lanyard case. If lost or stolen, replacements can be purchased at Government Center or the Overtown Transit Village for \$2 with student ID. Replacements must be activated (used at least once) before funds can be loaded. Only the student may use the card and only for rides between school and home on schooldays. The card can be used for Metro Rail and for Metro Bus. Always tap in and tap out at the station.

Culmer Station

Culmer Metro Rail Station is located at NW 7 Avenue and NW 11 Street. DASH is assigned three morning school bus shuttles that depart Culmer between 6:45 AM – 7:00 AM. On the first day of school, Mr. Britton will greet students at the station from 6:30 AM – 7:00 AM. New DASH families are strongly encouraged to practice riding the rail ahead of time with your student.

In Case You Miss the Shuttles

If you are running late and miss the Culmer shuttles, you can ride the train to Government Center. From Government Center, take the #9 bus northbound up 2nd Avenue to DASH at NE 39th Street. Tardies caused by students running late who miss the Culmer shuttles will not be excused.

Northeast Dispatch

DASH staff is unable to assist with transportation in the early morning hours before school. The Culmer shuttles and any school bus routes numbered 4000 – 4999 are overseen by Northeast Dispatch. You can call and ask to speak with an Administrator if you have a school bus issue.

Parents and students, please save this number in your phone: 305-638-1658

Contacting DASH with Transportation Questions

Please always include student name, grade, and ID number when emailing Mrs. Alvarez (vgarcia@dadeschools.net), Mr. Britton (nbritton@dadeschools.net), or Ms. Companioni (zcompanioni@dadeschools.net).