

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) Home to school transportation is sustained through a parent pay program. A fee is collected to allow a higher level of service than would otherwise be possible considering the current level of transportation funding as provided by the Department of Education and the State of California.
- 2) Riders are required to present their bus pass to the driver each and every time they board the school bus.
- 3) Students without a valid pass are denied transportation.
- 4) All students are responsible to know, understand, and fully comply with the **School Bus Rules of Conduct**.
- 5) Rowland Unified School District Transportation Safety Plan requires students to have a **“designated” bus stop**. Possession of a current pass entitles a student to ride to and from his/her designated school bus stop only.
- 6) Bus passes will only be made with a **current** picture of the student.
- 7) When necessary, Transportation will offer a payment plan for households with multiple children. Arrangements must be satisfied or the pass is revoked.

FREE BUS PASS: A free bus pass is available to qualifying students. The pass is provided to any individual who is otherwise unable to purchase a bus pass due to economic hardship. Certain criteria must be met to be eligible for free transportation. **Deliberate misrepresentation of financial information shall result in prosecution under State & Federal statutes.**

REFUNDS ----- **PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY.**

Refunds are made **ONLY** if a student **MOVES** out of the District or **MOVES** to a non-transportation area. **All requests for a refund must be made in writing to the Rowland Unified Transportation Office.** Refunds are prorated based on full, unused months following receipt of the written request. A \$20.00 processing fee will apply. The District **DOES NOT** refund fares of students who are **SUSPENDED** or **EXPELLED** from transportation service for disciplinary reasons.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$25.00 charge is imposed for checks returned as non-negotiable to the District. Transportation privileges will be suspended after two days for students using passes obtained with a non-negotiable check until financial settlement is made.

Frequently asked question:

1. Why do parents have to pay a fee for their child to ride a district school bus?

Answer: There is no legal requirement that public schools provide school bus transportation for students. For those school districts which elect to operate school buses, the State of California will only reimburse a small percentage of actual cost of operation. As a result, the State has forced many school districts to discontinue busing or go to the parent pay program in order to be able to continue school bus services.