

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

DPS-RTD TRANSPORTATION PASS ELIGIBILITY FACTS

The DPS-RTD Pass Program for high school students grades 9 through 12.

Established DPS-RTD Transportation Pass Eligibility parameters are defined below:

1. Students who are 19 years old or younger (RTD regulated)
2. Students must live within the District attendance area
3. Students must live outside the School Board established walk zones
 - 3.5 miles – high schools
4. Special Education Students who's IEPs allow.
5. Charter Schools are ineligible for District Sponsored DPS-RTD Passes
6. Students must attend their neighborhood school (**not** "School of Choice") or,
7. Student who attend a magnet program or school
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) @ George Washington
 - Newcomer Program @ South
 - English Language Acquisition (ELA) @ South
 - Transitional Native Language Instruction (TNLI) @ South
 - No Child Left Behind (NCLB) @ Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, East, West Generations and West Leadership
 - Students who are registered @ Career Education Center (CEC) who meet all other parameters and are not eligible for the pass from their home school.
 - Students at Denver Center for International Studies (DCIS) who also meet parameters 1 thru 3
 - Students at Denver School of the Arts (DSA) who also meet parameters 1 thru 3

Other Considerations:

8. There are cases when one member of a family is eligible but another is not. This usually happens when the family members may both attend the same school but one is enrolled in a Magnet Program the other is "School of Choice".
9. Homeless students under the McKinney Vento Act processed through the Educational Outreach Program (EOP) office are eligible for the DPS-RTD pass.
10. Initially the parameters were set up and designed for only those schools who were already receiving yellow bus transportation to allow schools to set later (flexible) start times (**primary**) and as a financial means to reduce the budget (**secondary**).

Other Schools/Programs using RTD Passes

1. Emily Griffith High School issues DPS-RTD passes to their students; they reimburse Transportation for each pass issued.

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DPS-RTD Pass Tracking

1. Transportation eligible students are coded as such in Infinite Campus using the parameters established and accepted by the School Board.
2. The eligibility data is entered by Student Services **not** Transportation Services
3. Each school runs an “eligibility report” each month from Infinite Campus (IC) to identify who their eligible students are.
 - a. Schools can also confirm student eligibility via the “RTD Pass Eligibility” tab in IC
4. Each school enters the appropriate data into IC “RTD Pass Tracking” tab for each student who received a pass each month.
5. Transportation Services will run audit reports monthly holding each school **accountable** for issuing passes to only those students who are transportation eligible.