

## METRO BUS ORCA CARD INFORMATION FOR MIHS STUDENTS

*This is a simple overview of the ORCA card program. More detailed information, rules, and the required Initial Issue Form available at <http://www.misd.k12.wa.us/schools/hs/busmaps/MetroInfo.html>*

***Parents and students must read and follow all instructions on the website and submit the signed form to receive the ORCA card.***

For the 2011/2012 school year, Mercer Island High School students who are eligible for Metro transportation will be issued **NEW** ORCA Youth cards which will be valid for full youth fare throughout the school year on Metro and other public transit listed below. The **NEW** ORCA Card now has the MISD “snail” logo on the back to distinguish it from the ORCA cards issued last year. **Note: Last year’s cards will no longer have any pass loaded and will not work**, unless they have had any funds loaded personally by the user.

ORCA is a “smartcard” that simplifies public transportation within the Puget Sound area. More information on ORCA and its associated benefits can be found at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bus/fare/orca.html>

**In order to be eligible** to receive a Mercer Island School District ORCA Youth Card you must be a MIHS student living on Mercer Island and:

- You must live more than one walking mile from school or in a designated hazard zone
- You have not have received a parking pass
- You are not eligible for yellow school bus service (live along the designated section of E. Mercer Way)

**Initial issuance of ORCA cards will take place on Fees and Photo days on August 25 and 26.** Those unable to attend Fees and Photos may have ORCA cards issued after school on the first day of school (Aug. 31), and on Sept. 6 and 12. After that, eligible students who have not yet been issued an ORCA card or who need a replacement card (\$10 fee) may receive a card after school (1:30 pm) on the first Monday of each month in front of the MIHS ASB office. **Each eligible student must have signed the agreement form to obtain an ORCA Card.**

These are some pertinent facts about the MISD issued ORCA card that you should be aware of:

- The MISD ORCA card provides full youth fare Aug. 31, 2011-June 15, 2012 on the following transit services for the duration of the 2011-2012 school year: Metro Transit, Sound Transit, Seattle Streetcar, and King County Water Taxi.
- If the student becomes ineligible due to a change of address or receipt of a MIHS parking space, the MISD ORCA card will be deactivated.
- Lost, stolen, or damaged MISD ORCA cards can be replaced for \$10. The replacement fee is paid through the MIHS ASB office: checks payable to MIHS. A receipt from the ASB office is required to obtain a replacement card on the first Monday of the month after school, or at the MISD transportation office. A defective card will be replaced for no fee.
- Lost, stolen, damaged, or defective cards should be reported immediately to the MISD Metro Coordinator: ***metro\_coordinator@misd.wednet.edu, or call the MISD Transportation Office at 206-236-3335.***
- ORCA cards can be easily damaged/rendered unusable if they are folded, cut, broken or hole punched. Cards are best protected in a wallet or card pouch.
- The school district will periodically require students with MISD ORCA cards to verify they still have them in their possession

***For answers to other questions about ORCA/METRO transportation, or to report a lost, damaged, stolen, or defective ORCA card, email the MISD Metro Coordinator: [metro\\_coordinator@misd.wednet.edu](mailto:metro_coordinator@misd.wednet.edu), or call the MISD Transportation Office at 206-236-3335.***

***MIHS Transportation Information including the required Initial Issue form, MIHS school district yellow bus and MIHS bound Metro bus schedules, and a list of FAQ’s can be found on the Transportation link of the MIHS website***

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