

ORCA CARD Metro Bus INFORMATION FOR MIHS STUDENTS

Visit the website <http://www.mercerislandschools.org/Page/107>

For Information on bus routes/schedules, the required Application Form, rules, and FAQs.

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

Mercer Island High School students who are eligible for Metro transportation will be issued **NEW ORCA Youth cards** each school year. This card is valid for full youth fare throughout the school year on Metro and other public transit listed below. The **NEW ORCA Card** is imprinted with "MISD STUDENT" and the current school year on the back. **Note: Last year's ORCA cards are expired and will not work.**

- **ORCA cards will be issued at MIHS on "Fees and Photo Days" when students attend to all the start of school business** (see MIHS website for current dates for each grade level). Those unable to attend Fees and Photos can have ORCA cards issued right after school on the first day of School and during both lunch periods on the 2nd day of school, as well as after school on the first Friday in September and October. See Julie Naylor, Metro coordinator at the table outside the MIHS Library. Beyond those dates, eligible students who have not yet been issued an ORCA card or who need a replacement card (\$10 fee) may receive a card at the MISD Transportation Office 4140 86th Ave SE M-F, 8 am-4 pm. **Each eligible student must have signed the agreement form to obtain an ORCA Card. Each student must have a receipt for \$10 from the ASB office to receive a replacement ORCA Card.**

ORCA is a "smartcard" that simplifies public transportation within the Puget Sound area. Note that the MISD ORCA cards have a preloaded pass Valid for the current school year and do not require (nor allow) adding "e-purse" funds like a regular ORCA card. More information on ORCA and its associated benefits can be found at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bus/fare/orca.html>

To be eligible to receive a Mercer Island School District ORCA Youth Card you must be a MIHS student **and:**

- You must live more than one walking mile from school or in a designated hazard zone
- You do not have MIHS a parking pass
- You are not assigned to MISD yellow school bus along the designated section of E. Mercer Way (north of SE 70th St)

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

- The MISD ORCA card provides full youth fare all school year, from the first day of school until the final day in June on the following transit services: 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. The card can be reactivated if parking pass expires the next semester
- 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 or paid to ASB online. A receipt from the ASB office is required to obtain a replacement card at the MISD transportation office 4140 86th Ave SE, M-F 8 am-4 pm. Lost, stolen, damaged, or defective cards should be reported immediately to the MISD Metro Coordinator: Julie.naylor@mercerislandschools.org or call the MISD **Transportation Office at 206-236-3335.**
- ORCA cards are embedded with a wire antenna making them easily damaged/rendered unusable. If they are folded, cut, broken, hole-punched, run through the dryer, or even bent, over time from staying in a pocket, they will stop working. 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. Students will have their cards checked from time to time during BRIDGES.

Questions/Problems? Contact Julie.naylor@mercerislandschools.org 206-236-3335.

For MIHS Transportation Information, including the Application, bus schedules, and a list of FAQ's, visit the Transportation link of the MIHS website: <http://www.mercerislandschools.org/Page/107>