

San Mateo Union High School District

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2018-2019 Home-to-School Transportation

The San Mateo Union School District has provided Home-to-School regular education transportation since 1960. On March 16, 1992, the California Supreme Court affirmed an earlier lower court decision allowing local school districts to charge a fee for bus service. Transportation fees are regulated by Education Code Section 39807.5. The Education Code requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish the maximum allowable fee for pupil transportation. Current estimated fees allowed by the Education Code are \$10.10 per student per day (or \$1,818 per student for an annual round-trip bus pass). The District's 2018-2019 school year fee structure (see table at end of this letter) is still significantly less than maximum allowed by the State and is comparable with other school districts.

Bus pass fees do not cover the full cost of operating the transportation program. The District can no longer subsidize the Home-to School transportation program at the expense of its educational programs. The District's current subsidy is in excess of \$1,200,000 a year.

Home-to-School transportation will be provided from the Foster City area to the following schools in the 2018-2019 school year: Aragon High School, Hillsdale High School, and San Mateo High School. Peninsula Alternative High School buses will also be provided, with pick-up stops available in Foster City, San Mateo, Burlingame, Millbrae and San Bruno. Students who qualify for busing in accordance with district policy will be required to purchase a School Bus Sticker or Pass. The Sticker will need to be attached to the student's school ID card in order to be valid. This process adds an additional level of security to the Transportation Program. The assurance that only San Mateo Union High School District students are riding the bus, and that the student who purchased the sticker is actually the one using it is provided by the student showing his or her student ID card every time he or she gets on the bus.

This year's Transportation Program includes:

- Visa and Mastercard will be accepted for Bus Sticker and Pass purchases. The credit card purchase will need to be made at the District Office. No phone or mail credit card purchases.
- Yearly Bus Stickers and Monthly Bus Passes will be available for sale at 650 N. Delaware Street, San Mateo office. San Mateo Union High School District Adult School - Aragon - Burlingame - Capuchino - Hillsdale - Middle College - Mills - Peninsula - San Mateo

School Bus Stickers and Monthly Bus Passes will be sold at the 650 N. Delaware Street, San Mateo office starting August 2, 2018, during normal operating hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.) For your convenience, and to avoid a long wait, if you are paying by check or money order it is highly recommended that you purchase by mail.

650 North Delaware Street, San Mateo, CA 94401-1732 (650) 558-2299 (650) 762-0249 FAX
Adult School - Aragon - Burlingame - Capuchino - Hillsdale - Middle College - Mills - Peninsula - San
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School Bus Sticker Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be available on the District website, www.smuhsd.org. Mailing address for your application and check or money order payment to:

SMUHSD Business Services Office
Attn: Bus Passes
650 No. Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94401
(650) 558-2271

	First Student	Sibling Discount
Annual Round Trip	\$1,026	\$922
Annual One Way A.M.	\$818	\$737
Annual One Way P.M.	\$818	\$737
Monthly Pass:		
August 2018	\$131	No discount
September 2018	\$191	No discount
October 2018	\$221	No discount
November 2018	\$181	No discount
December 2018	\$151	No discount
January 2019	\$171	No discount
February 2019	\$181	No discount
March 2019	\$211	No discount
April 2019	\$161	No discount
May/June 2019	\$211	No discount

Free and reduced pricing is available to students who qualify. Free and Reduced Pricing Applications are also available on the District website, or you can contact the District Office for an application. No fees will be charged for bus transportation that is included in a student's IEP.

To streamline the process, please have the correct change available when possible. Checks and money orders should be made payable to SMUHSD. Checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee and the Bus Sticker will be revoked. No refunds will be generated if a student loses his/her bus riding privileges for disciplinary reasons.

If you have any questions about the bus passes, please feel free to contact Camille Clemens, at (650) 558-2271, or email: cclemens@smuhsd.org

If you have any questions about the bus routes, please contact Tina Hernandez, at (650) 558-2446 or email: mhernandez@smuhsd.org.