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Students Can Use Select Bus Service To Go Back To School

Upper Manhattan and Bronx students headed back to school in September can look forward to a shorter, more convenient trip when they use their Student MetroCards on the new Bx12 SBS (Select Bus Service) route. There are 140 schools within a ½ mile of the Bx12 bus route. Our newest Student MetroCard brochure: "Get Schooled – The Best Way to and From School." will be distributed to schools, nearby subway stations, fare inspectors and NYPD Transit Bureau officers that serve the area.

For easy identification, Select Bus Service (SBS) is clearly marked at bus shelters and on buses. Students pay their fares at the bus stop using a MetroCard Fare Collector or the Coin Fare Collector (for Half-Fare Students) before boarding the bus. It's something new for students who must use the fare collectors and retain their receipts as proof of payment.

Students need to remember that when using the SBS, they must pay the fare before boarding the bus, obtain a receipt and then enter by either the front or rear doors. The receipt is not a transfer and is not valid on any other bus or the subway. In addition, they must board the bus at the stop where they paid within one hour of paying the fare.

Student MetroCards allow students to travel to and from school on subways and MTA NYC Transit buses. The student cards may only be used on school days and during the hours specified on the card. Students may use the Student MetroCards a total of three times during the day. Bus-to-subway, subway-to-bus, or bus-to-bus transfers are considered as one trip.

A Student MetroCard can only be used by the student whose name appears on the card. Young people aged 16 or over may be charged a fine of \$100 for improper use of a Student MetroCard. Please note that Half-Fare Student MetroCards are good only on buses. There is no free transfer to the subway, but students can use the Half-Fare card to transfer to another bus.

NYC Transit personnel will act as SBS Ambassadors to provide assistance for first time SBS users during the first two weeks in September. They will be deployed at all SBS stops from Tuesday, September 2nd through Friday, September 5th during the morning and afternoon rush periods and again on Monday, September 8th and Tuesday, September 9th after school.