Keep Your Ticket!

SB S operates the same as local or express buses. Continue to board at the front of the bus and pay with your student MetroCard.

How it works for SBS (except S79 SBS):
- Select Bus Service stops all have clearly marked signs, shelters, and buses.
- You MUST pay your fare before boarding.
- Pay at the bus stop where you will board.
- Use a MetroCard Fare Collector or Coin Fare Collector machine to pay.
- Your ticket is proof of payment.
- Your ticket is NOT a transfer and is NOT valid on any other bus or subway.
- You MUST board at the stop where you paid your fare and complete your trip within one hour.
- Board through any of the doors.

Keep Your Ticket!
- Hold onto your ticket for the entire trip. It shows that you've paid.
- You can't pay and get a ticket once you've boarded.
- If you don't have a ticket or refuse to show it, you could be issued a fare evasion summons.
- Your ticket is valid only for the SBS route you paid for, not on other SBS routes or any other bus route.

Two Ways to Pay Before You Board

1. MetroCard Fare Collector

Use this machine if you have a Student MetroCard OR you have a Half-Fare Student MetroCard that you swiped on a previous bus before getting on the Select Bus.

A. Press the start button.
B. Insert your Student MetroCard face up into the slot.
C. You will get a ticket automatically. SAVE IT.
D. Board the bus at the stop where you paid; you must board and complete your trip within one hour.

If You Have a Problem with the Machine
- If the machine doesn't work, please board the bus and tell the bus operator.
- If the machine doesn't give you a ticket or fails to return your Student MetroCard:
  - Write down the machine number, date, time, and direction of travel.
  - Tell the bus operator.
  - Note the time and bus number.
  - Inform the Transportation Coordinator at your school to get a new card.

Transfers: MetroCard transfers remain the same. Your MetroCard has an encoded transfer on it. Fare collection machines accept fares and issue tickets. The machines can't sell or refill a MetroCard.

A ticket is NOT a transfer and is NOT valid on any other bus or subway.

2. Coin Fare Collector

Use this machine if you have a Half-Fare Student MetroCard and your first trip is on a Select Bus.

Pay your fare with coins, exact change only. The machine doesn't take dollar bills, half-dollars, or pennies.

A. Press the yellow button.
B. Insert Half-Fare (one half the base fare) in coins, exact change only.
C. You will get a ticket automatically. SAVE IT.
D. Board the bus at the stop where you paid; you must board and complete your trip within one hour.

To CANCEL the transaction, press the red button before you deposit your last coin.

If You Have a Problem with the Machine
- If the machine doesn't work, please board the bus and tell the bus operator.
- If the machine doesn't give you a ticket or return your coins:
  - Write down the machine number, date, time, and direction of travel.
  - Tell the bus operator, and ask for a business reply envelope: call 511, or report it online at effix at mta.info.

Transfers: Board at the front of the bus, show your ticket, and ask the bus operator to give you a transfer.

Fare collection machines accept fares and issue tickets. These machines don't make change.

Other travel tips:

Can I make any transfer I want? Can I get off the bus and then back on again?

Transfers from a local bus to a limited bus and from a limited bus to local buses are allowed in the same direction. You can't get back on the same bus you started on, though.

There are also some other bus transfers that are not allowed.

You cannot transfer between the following routes:

- Bronx:
  - Grand Concourse: Bx1 and Bx2
  - No transfer allowed between a bus going south on Grand Concourse and one going north.
  - Tremont/Burnside Avenue: Bx40 and Bx42

- Manhattan:
  - Madison/Fifth Avenue: M1, M2, M3 and M4
  - No transfer allowed between southbound Fifth Avenue buses and northbound Madison Avenue buses.
  - Lexington/Third Avenue: M101, M102 and M103
  - No transfer allowed between southbound Lexington Avenue and northbound Third Avenue Buses.
  - 96th Street: M96 and M106

I have a Half-Fare Student MetroCard. How do I use it?

You can use your Half-Fare Student MetroCard only on the bus. You do not get a free transfer to the subway. You can transfer only to another bus.

To use your Half-Fare Student MetroCard, first put your card into the slot on top of the farebox. When you see the words "Insert Coins" in the little window, pay your reduced fare (one half the base fare) in coins. The farebox will put a free transfer on your card. Then, if you need to take a second bus, just use your Student MetroCard again when you transfer. You’ll see “Transfer OK” in the little window.

How does my Student MetroCard work? Do I need to pay?

You don't need to pay to use a Student MetroCard unless you have a Half-Fare Student MetroCard (see the inside panel for more Half-Fare Student MetroCard information). You can use it as soon as you get it, and it's valid at any subway station and on local buses only. Student MetroCards cannot be used on express buses.

About Your Student MetroCard

Student MetroCard is a special MetroCard that allows students to get to and from school. It’s good for the whole school semester, and it means you don’t have to wait at the subway gate to show an agent or show the bus operator your pass unless specifically requested. You just swipe or dip, and go.

Includes tips for traveling safely

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When can I use my Student MetroCard?

You can use your Student MetroCard only on school days, during the hours specified on your card. If you attempt to use your Student MetroCard on days when your school is closed, it will be confiscated and you will be issued a penalty with a summons of $100.

How many trips can I take each day?

You can use a Student MetroCard for three trips each school day. On most trips you can also transfer free from the bus to the subway, or from subway to bus. However, once you have left the subway or the bus and made a transfer, you cannot go on another bus or enter the subway again without using another one of your allocated rides.

How do I use my Student MetroCard on the subway?

The way to swipe your Student MetroCard on the subway is to hold the card with the word “MetroCard” facing you right side up. Without lifting the card, slide it through the slot on the turnstile. If you swipe too fast or too slow, it might not work. If you don’t see “GO” in the little window on the turnstile, try again at the same turnstile.

What if my card doesn’t work?

Yes. Take good care of your Student MetroCard. A Student MetroCard is not to be used only by the student whose name appears on the card.

When I AM using my Student MetroCard?

You may not stop in time to save your life. Trains move faster than you think and something on the tracks, leave it. Ask a staff member or police officer to remove you immediately from the area.

Travel Safely

Stand Back from the platform edge.

A void empty subway cars, and use subway exits where there is the most activity.

Protect yourself while traveling

Keep electronic devices out of sight. Avoid listening to music so that you can remain alert and aware. You need to see and hear what’s going on around you. Do not be distracted by your mobile devices.

Please have a safe trip.

If you see something suspicious, say something. Remember: if you see something, say something—whether an unattended package or anything else that appears suspicious—tell a police officer or MTA employee, or call the Terrorism Hotline: 1-888-NY-NYSAFE (692-7233).

Stand Back from the platform edge.

Do not play games. Jumping over the tracks, kidding around on the platform, riding skateboards/bicycles or endangering your friends might all lead to disaster. Things can turn deadly in a hurry.

Keep off the tracks. They contain more than 600 volts of electricity. If you drop something on the tracks, leave it. Ask a Transit employee or police officer for help; or, if available, use a station Help Point or Customer Assistance intercom.

Do not put your head or hand in the path of a moving train. Trains move faster than you think and may not stop in time to save your life.

Step aside to speed your ride. When you let others off first, the train can take you on your way sooner.

Do not walk or stand between subway cars. The cars shift, and if you slip there’s no getting up.

Remain alert and aware. You need to see and hear what’s going on around you. Do not be distracted by your mobile devices.

During non-rush hours, wait for trains in the designated waiting areas.

Avoid empty subway cars, and use subway exits where there is the most activity.

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3. Keep your head and arms inside the bus.

4. After exiting, do not cross in front of the bus.

5. Stay alert. Do not be distracted by cell phones, headphones, and other devices.

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