

ORCA OPPORTUNITY

September 2021 – August 2022



Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle are partnering to ensure all high school students are eligible for a **free, unlimited 12-month ORCA card**. ORCA cards are valid through August 31, 2022, and can be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How to use an ORCA card

SCAN YOUR CARD

When boarding the Water Taxi, Access, the Seattle Center Monorail, Via to Transit, and Trailhead Direct, the loading agent or cashier will scan your card.

TAP YOUR CARD AS YOU ARE BOARDING

As you board the bus, tap your ORCA card on the card reader inside.

TAP YOUR CARD BEFORE BOARDING

Before boarding Link light rail, RapidRide, the Sounder commuter train, and the Seattle Streetcar, tap your ORCA card on a yellow card reader outside/ on the platform. When you exit Link and Sounder, re-tap your ORCA card to complete the trip.



Which transit agencies accept ORCA cards?

- Community Transit
- Everett Transit
- King County Water Taxi
- King County Metro
- Kitsap Transit
- Pierce Transit
- Seattle Streetcar
- Sound Transit
- Seattle Center Monorail



Replacing a lost or damaged ORCA card

The first replacement is \$5.50, subsequent replacements are \$25. During the school year, students should replace their ORCA card through the school. During the summer, students may replace their ORCA cards at Seattle Public Schools headquarters: 2445 3rd Ave. S Seattle, WA 98134.

Safe Routes to School

Transit is not the only option to move throughout Seattle. Biking or walking are great ways to get exercise and reduce your carbon emissions while commuting to and from school! Safe Routes to School is a national movement to make it easier and safer for students to walk and bike to school. You can visit [this map](#) to see walking and biking conditions near you and find the best route to and from your school. Make sure to practice safety when riding your bike by wearing a well-fitting helmet and using front and rear lights and reflectors in the dark. If walking, try to walk on streets with sidewalks and crosswalks and cross only with the crossing signal at a signalized intersection.

Helpful tips

- Do not bend or puncture your ORCA card, it may cause your ORCA card to stop working.
- Contact Seattle Public Schools – Transportation Department if you have an issue with an ORCA card or a question about transportation for a student. (206) 252-0900; transORCA@seattleschools.org

Online Resources and Apps

- NEW! Download the Via Transit app for fast, affordable, easy rides in Othello, Rainier Beach/Skyway, Renton Highlands, and Tukwila. kingcounty.gov/metro/viatotransit
- Google Maps works for transit directions and real-time information.
- Download the One Bus Away app to get real-time arrival information for buses and light rail. <http://pugetsound.onebusaway.org/>
- King County Trip Planner provides transit directions for a trip. kingcounty.gov/tripplanner



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