

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

Your ORCA card is still useful after the school year ends!

Here is what you need to know:

Keep your card: Your card will work until August 31, 2026.

Add funds after it expires: After August 2026, you can keep using your card, but you will need to add your own money. You can do this at the King County Metro Customer Service office or online at MyORCA.com.

Get a new card, if eligible: If your child is enrolled in the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) in both the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, we'll send you a new ORCA card automatically.

If you are worried about paying for transit after your card expires, look at reduced fare options on King County Metro's website: kingcounty.gov/WhichORCAFare. We are here to support your family's transit needs!

I LOST MY CARD WHAT DO I DO?

If you lose your card, don't worry! To ask for a replacement card, you can either:

- E-mail us at DOT_TAP@seattle.gov, or
- Call or text us at 206-256-6722

Simply tell us your name and the mailing address where we should send your new card.

IMPORTANT: If you find your old card after asking for a replacement, you will not be able to use it.

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PRESCHOOL TRANSIT SUPPORT PROGRAM



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WHAT IS THE PRESCHOOL TRANSIT SUPPORT PROGRAM?

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) knows that getting your child to preschool can be hard! To make it easier for you, we're mailing all income-eligible families a free, unlimited-use ORCA card to use this school year. We hope this card will help you get your preschool student to and from school. Your ORCA card benefit is paid for by the Seattle Transit Measure which is a six-year, voter-approved sales tax.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS!

You can:

- Get one ORCA card, even if you have more than one preschool student in your home.
- Use your ORCA card to take unlimited rides on all regional public transit for free. Use your ORCA card through August 31, 2026.
- Use your card 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Remember: Your preschool students and youth 18 and younger can ride transit for free. If you would like a free ORCA card for your youth, visit FreeTransitPass.com to get one. We encourage you to get ORCA cards for kids ages 13-18.

HOW TO USE YOUR NEW ORCA CARD

Riding the Bus

1. Tap your ORCA card against the card reader after you get on the bus.
2. Pull the yellow cord before your stop to let the driver know you want to get off the bus.

Riding the Streetcar

1. Tap your ORCA card at the streetcar platform before you board.
2. Press the stop request strip to let the driver know you want to exit.

Riding Light Rail

Tap your ORCA card on the platform before getting on the train.

WHERE CAN I USE MY ORCA CARD?

You can use your card to pay for rides on:

- King County Metro buses – including Access and Metro Flex services
- King County Water Taxi
- Seattle Streetcar
- Seattle Center Monorail
- Sound Transit (light rail, trains, and buses)
- Community Transit
- Pierce Transit
- Kitsap Transit (buses and fast ferry)
- Everett Transit

Check out these helpful resources for using transit!

One Bus Away: Download this app to get real-time arrival information for buses and light rail.

Google Maps: Use Google Maps on a computer or phone app to get transit directions and real-time arrival information.

King County Trip Planner:

Use this webpage to get transit directions for your trip:
tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/

