

Section 2: POLICIES AND RULES CONTINUED...

Mound Street Academies School Bus Pass Policy

The Mound Street Academies (MSA) believe that regular school attendance is vital for educational success. To this end Mound Street Academies has decided to purchase regional transit bus passes for students whose resident school district does not provide transportation to school for its pupils in grades 9-12.

Ohio Revised Code (3327.01) defines state minimum school transportation as transporting all resident district pupils to and from school in grades K-8 who live more than two miles from the school. Some school districts do not provide transportation to their secondary students (grades 9-12).

Mound Street Academies has established these guidelines for issuing student bus passes to meet the district's goals in providing educational services to our students. In addition, the policy will assist MSA in providing the best possible education to those students who take advantage of the transportation assistance provided by MSA for students whose resident school district does not grant school transportation to any of its secondary (grades 9-12) students.

Policy Guidelines:

Students may be issued a monthly bus pass purchased by Mound Street Academies contingent upon maintaining all of the following criteria:

- Enrollment and proof of residence in a school district that does not offer any transportation to its students in grades 9-12.
- At least a 70% monthly school attendance rate, not including excused absences
- Appropriate behavior at, to and from bus stops
- Appropriate behavior while riding a bus to and from school or school-related functions

Enrolled students may not be issued a monthly bus pass if any of the following apply:

- Student cannot provide proof of residence in a school district that does not offer any transportation to its students in grades 9-12.
- Student has less than a 70% monthly school attendance rate, not including excused absences, for two consecutive months.
- Student fails to exhibit appropriate behavior at, to and from bus stops.
- Student fails to exhibit appropriate behavior while riding a bus to and from school or school-related functions

If a student loses his or her bus pass based on attendance the student may receive a bus pass provided he or she does all of the following:

- Provides proof of residence in a school district that does not offer any transportation to its students in grades 9-12.
- Attains at least a 70% monthly attendance rate without the benefit of a bus pass provided by MSA

If a student loses his or her bus pass based on behavior the student may receive a bus pass provided he or she does all of the following:

- Provides proof of residence in a school district that does not offer any transportation to its students in grades 9-12.
- Successfully completes required consequences as directed by the student's principal.

Monthly student attendance rates will be monitored for those students receiving a bus pass from Mound Street Academies. Monthly attendance rates will be calculated based upon student attendance from the 15th to the 14th of the subsequent month. Some behavior events may result in the permanent loss of bus pass privileges.