

Tap, Beep, and Take Your Seat! Welcome to the 2023 - 24 School Year



Your school and the Regional Transit Service (RTS) are pleased to introduce the RTS Smartcard ID Pass. It serves as your student ID and lets you travel on RTS buses during specific time periods.

PASS TYPES

Each student who is eligible for transportation will receive one of three different RTS Smartcard ID passes. You can only use your Pass Monday through Friday when school is in session.

NO DOWNTOWN ID PASS



The "No Downtown Pass," is white. The pass is only valid on Neighborhood Direct Routes (NDS) routes going to and from your school. You cannot use the "No Downtown Pass" to travel through Downtown Rochester. Pass is valid for use on RTS Neighborhood Direct service only.

1 HOUR CONNECTION ID PASS



The "1 Hour Connection Pass," which is grey, is valid from 5:30am to 9:30am at any RTS bus stop, including the RTS Transit Center. From 10:30am to 5:00pm, the pass is valid at the closest bus stop to the school printed on the pass, and at the RTS Transit Center. Pass is valid for use on RTS Connect service only.

FLEX ID PASS



The "Flex Pass," which is green, is valid at any RTS bus stop, including the RTS Transit Center, from 5:30am to 7:00pm.

Pass is valid for use on RTS Connect only.

Using Your RTS Smartcard ID Pass

HOW TO USE THE RTS SMARTCARD ID PASS

Show your ID Pass to the Bus Operator when you board the bus, and make sure your photo is visible. After that, it's "tap, beep, then take your seat." Tap the RTS Smartcard ID Pass on the Validator, and you will hear a "flutter" sound that confirms your card is valid.



If you are not entitled to transportation services on RTS, you will hear a "buzz." In this case, you will have to pay \$1 fare or exit the bus.

If you try to use an ID Pass that is not yours, an ID Pass that has been tampered with, or an ID Pass that the validator indicates is not valid, the RTS Bus Operator is required to take it from you. Please remember that free transportation to school is a privilege, not a right. The privilege can be taken away for misusing your ID Pass or improper behavior.

RTS 2+2 ACTIVITY PASSES (Valid on RTS Connect service only)



If you participate in after school activities, you will receive an RTS 2+2 Activity Pass. The RTS 2+2 Activity Pass is valid from 3:30 pm until 9:00 pm during the week and all day on the weekends, as well as on holidays and during school breaks



When boarding with an RTS 2+2 Activity Pass, you must first show your RTS Smartcard ID Pass to the Bus Operator, then tap the ID pass on the validator.





After showing your ID Pass, then tap the RTS 2+2 Pass on the validator.



