

PUBLIC TRANSIT is student transportation!!!



Hundreds of thousands of California's school kids don't have access to yellow school buses.

Diverting funds from the Public Transportation Account would make it HARDER and more COSTLY to get to school, especially for urban and low-income kids!



K-12 students from all over California rely on public transit to access their education. Some examples:

Agency	Student ridership
AC Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves 60,000 students daily from 17 different school districts 40% of Oakland middle and high school students ride AC Transit to get to school!
e-tran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41% of all local trips are school-related – over 130,000 per year in Elk Grove!
Long Beach Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53,917 student passes in 2005-06
L.A. Metro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 21 million K-12 student boardings in 2006!
San Joaquin RTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 39% of bus riders rely on RTD to access school and adult education classes!
Omnitrans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 28,000 student passes in San Bernardino County
Foothill Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sells over 14,000 student passes per year in San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys!
Sacramento RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% of light rail and 33% of bus riders are students!
Arcata & Mad River Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68% of all trips are for school!



Cutting state funds for public transit will result in cuts to urban bus service or increased fares that will fall disproportionately on transit-dependent families and students with the fewest transportation options and least ability to pay!

College and adult students from across the state also rely on public transportation

Public transportation to and from college, vocational and adult school programs is essential for many low-income, minority and disabled students.



Universal transit passes and discount programs provide college and university students with affordable, reliable transit.

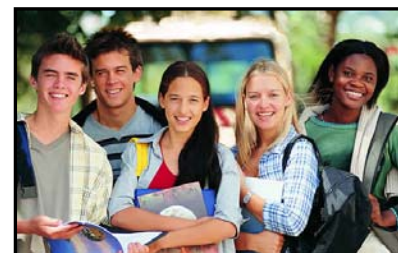


College students use public transit too!

Some of the College Pass Programs in California include:

Agency	University
AC Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Berkeley and CSU East Bay
Riverside Transit Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Riverside and Riverside City College
Orange County Transportation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Irvine and CSU Fullerton
Thousand Oaks Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Channel Islands
Sacramento Regional Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSUS, Sacramento City, Folsom Lake, Cosumnes and American River Colleges
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Santa Cruz
Big Blue Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCLA and Santa Monica College
San Diego Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC San Diego
Arcata & Mad River Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Humboldt
Unitrans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 3 million rides/year for UC Davis students!
Metro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All area colleges, universities and adult vocational schools – 6.6 million passes in 2005-06!

It's important to fund Home-to-School and special transportation programs, but not in a way that makes it harder and more costly for K-12, college, university, CalWORKS, and adult students to get to school.



Keep California's Students Moving by maintaining state funds for public transit!!