

# ORCA OPPORTUNITY

November 2021 – August 2022



Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle are partnering to ensure all middle 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

For students who live less than 1.5 miles or more than 2 miles from their school, they can receive a replacement card at no cost. Students who live 1.5-2 miles from school will pay \$5.50 for their first replacement card and \$25 for subsequent replacements. During the school year, please contact [transorca@seattleschools.org](mailto:transorca@seattleschools.org) for a replacement card. During the summer, students may replace their ORCA cards at Seattle Public Schools headquarters: 2445 3rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://kingcounty.gov/tripplanner)

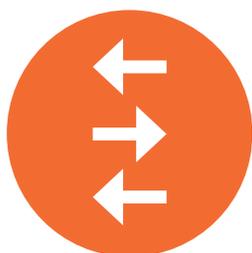
## Safe Walking Tips



Pay attention. Don't be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.



If there's no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, as far from traffic as possible.



Look left, right, and left again at all intersections.



Make eye contact with people driving before crossing.



Walk, don't run across the street.