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## Pilot Program to Streamline Student ID Card Process

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(July 28, 2004) A pilot program aimed at streamlining the Metro Identification Card application process for Los Angeles Unified School District high school students is set to begin in August at seven area high schools.

The ID Card allows students to buy monthly Metro bus and train passes at a discount for \$20 instead of the regular price of \$52. If the program is successful, Metro plans to expand it to other LAUSD high schools.

Under the pilot program, the staff at selected high schools hope to speed up the process by helping students fill out their Metro ID applications.

"We hope this new pilot program is successful in effectively streamlining the application process," said CEO Roger Snoble.

### Seven schools participating

Seven high schools are participating in the pilot project: Belmont, Carson, Cleveland, Eagle Rock, Fairfax, Los Angeles and Verdugo high schools.

LAUSD staff also is evaluating a program that could be implemented this fall in which students at elementary and junior high schools would no longer be required to submit applications and photos.

Participating schools would issue a photoless student ID card, which would allow the purchase of the \$20 student stamp. Schools may also be requested to gather optional data for statistical tracking of the program.

Future plans would allow the ID Cards to be valid for two years instead of one year. Also under evaluation is a program allowing students to purchase a Metro Day Pass for \$1.50, the same price as disabled and senior citizens.

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