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## **L.A. Metro to Provide Free Fares for Los Angeles Unified School District Students If Teachers Strike**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (Metro) proposes to offer free rides to students of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in the event of a teachers' strike that may commence on Thursday, January 10.

Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington, in consultation with L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl, has directed fare-free service for LAUSD students. The full Metro Board will consider this matter at its January 24 meeting.

Students who show their LAUSD identification card during strike days can attend their schools, study at local libraries or participate in various activities at up to 44 recreation centers throughout the city, among other undertakings. LAUSD students will be able to ride free from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. each strike day.

Metro bus operators will check LAUSD student IDs onboard coaches and fare enforcement officers will allow students, with ID cards, to ride without fares on Metro's Gold, Blue, Green and Expo light rail lines. On the Metro Red and Purple Lines, Metro will deploy TAP personnel to facilitate students' free entry through subway fare gates.

"LAUSD is the country's second largest school district with more than 600,000 students. At Metro, we want to help those kids who may be staying home from school because of the strike find constructive and educational ways to spend their time," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the Metro Board. "Free Metro access will help make it easier for students and their families to get to parks, museums, libraries and other facilities."

Students may plan their trip using the Metro Trip Planner at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) or call 323-GO.METRO (323-466-3876). Students can also download the GoMetro smartphone app to complete their trips. The app is available on both iPhone and Android platforms. Metro and its

municipal partners currently operate 165 bus lines and five major rail lines which cover a nearly 1,500 square mile area within L.A. County.

"We have to do everything possible to ease the burden on parents and children affected by a strike," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Free rides on Metro mean that families will have one less thing to worry about while both parties work toward an agreement."

Metro offers discounted passes to students K through 12 throughout the year. A one-way fare for these students is normally just \$1 dollar per day, or \$24 per month. For more information on Metro's student fares, visit <https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/students-k-8-and-9-12/> or call 213-680-0054.

"Students are the next generation of Metro customers," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "We want them to know they can depend on our transit services as we continue to build a robust, world-class system for them and future generations to come."

### **About Metro**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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