

2025 RiverCities Transit Youth Bus Pass Consent Form

Staff Name

The Cowlitz Transit Authority will provide free access to its Fixed Route public transit for all youth ages 6 to 18 years of age who wish to participate. As a participant in this program, your child will receive one full year of free public transit access starting January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025. It does not provide service on RiverCities Paratransit LIFT.

Pass Number

Please sign the form with your child indicating that you have read and understand the information provided. When completed, please return this consent form to the Downtown Transit Center or mail to Transit Department PO Box 128 Longview WA 98632. The ticket salesperson will NOT release a pass without a signed consent form.

Date

How to Ride With RCT

If you need help planning your trip, use our online Trip Planner at www.rctransit.org or call Customer Service at (360) 442-5663. You can also have our travel trainer come and ride the bus with you the first few times until you get the hang of it. Travel training can be arranged by calling customer service or e-mailing customerservice@rctransit.org.

When you have determined which bus to catch and the time it is expected to arrive, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Wait at a RiverCities blue bus stop or shelter. The bus stop sign will have the route number of each bus serving that stop.
- 2) Be sure you are visible to the driver. Stand close to the sign or shelter and watch for the approaching bus.
- 3) Have your bus pass ready.
- 4) Allow other passengers to get off the bus before you board.
- 5) Show the driver your pass.
- 6) About one block before your stop, signal the driver by pulling the yellow cord on the wall near the bus window.

First Name

Rules for Riding

To ensure a safe and pleasant ride for everyone, the following general rules apply:

- No unruly or disrespectful behavior
- No profanity or derogatory statements, including racial slurs
- No intimidating, harassing or violent behavior
- No smoking or vaping
- No eating
- No alcoholic beverages (Non-alcoholic beverages OK if in a container with screw top lid)
- No flammable or corrosive items or liquids
- Cell phones and other devices must be used quietly, so as not to disturb others

Last Name

- Appropriate attire is required, including shirt and shoes
- It is a felony to assault a transit employee
- Violators can be suspended from RCT service and facilities

Violations of these rules, as well as those found in the Unlawful Bus Conduct (RCW 9.91.025), or the Regulations of Conduct found on our website, www.rctransit.org, may result in refusal of service or arrest.

Terms and Conditions

RCT Youth Pass may be used for unlimited local travel only when presented to a driver. Presenting the bus pass is required for each vehicle boarding and at designated transit areas. Additional terms apply including following RCT rules of conduct. Use of the Youth Pass constitutes acceptance of these terms. Bus passes are nontransferable and use is subject to applicable laws, codes and procedures. Youth Passes have no cash value and cannot be refunded or sold. The Youth Pass must be presented when requested by authorized fare enforcement personnel.

Youth under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parent & Student Agreement

My child and I have reviewed the rules for riding on RiverCities Transit. My child understands and agrees to abide by the rules of conduct as outlined in this document while on RiverCities Transit property. My child fully understands that following these rules ensures their continued participation in the Free Youth Bus Pass program. Failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification from the program and from riding RiverCities Transit.

By signing this document, we both agree to allow authorized ticket agents to issue my child a Youth Bus Pass, which is valid for the entire calendar year. We both understand that the pass:

- May not be sold, traded or used by anyone other than the designated student
- Provides my child unlimited and unsupervised access to RiverCities Transit local bus service through December 31, 2025.

Please be aware that the student is responsible for any injury that occurs on RCT property if the injury is the result of the child's failure to abide by the rules of this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature or Student Signature: _____

Please Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Phone (for RCT use only): _____

Student Name: _____

Current grade: _____