ID Cards & Transportation FAQs

Q1: How do IDs make my child's campus safer? How will the RFID chip improve safety?

IDs easily identify students from the district and which campuses they attend. This allows administrators and campus staff to not only identify students, but also those who do not belong on campus. Student IDs also allow students to be quickly identified in the event of an emergency.

The RFID chips will help verify the identity of students boarding the bus and provide real-time rider information to improve the timeliness and relevance of transportation communication regarding traffic, weather, or road construction delays.

Q2: Will the student IDs be used to track students?

Students will not be tracked using the student ID. While the student ID does have a passive RFID chip, there are no readers inside the school for the purpose of identifying a student's location. In addition, the RFID chip will not be used for transactions in the library or cafeteria. Rather, a barcode scanner, similar to those found in grocery store checkout lines, will be used to scan the barcode on the front of the ID.

The only location where an RFID reader will be used is on school buses. As students get on and off a bus, they will tap their ID cards on the RFID reader located near the door. The RFID reader will log the time and location where a student got on or off the bus. This measure has been put in place to increase the safety of students.

Q3: How does the RFID chip work?

The student IDs use passive RFID, which means that it does not emit any type of signal unless it comes within 2-4 inches of an RFID reader. The only readers the district used to read student IDs are located on the buses to log when and where students get on and off the bus.

Q4: What information is stored on the student ID?

The only information stored on the student ID is a unique number used by the District's transportation software. No identifiable information such as name, grade, campus, address, social security number, etc, is stored on the card via the bar code or RFID chip.

Q5: Who is required to wear an ID?

All students are required to carry their IDs during school and other school-sponsored events. Staff members are required to wear an ID.

Q6: What is the ID used for?

IDs are used to easily identify each student, as well as make campus services more efficient. For example, students will use their ID badge when checking out a book in the library, paying for their meal in the cafeteria, and scanning on/off the bus.

Q7: What happens if my student forgets their ID? Are they still able to ride the bus?

The District understands that students may occasionally forget their ID cards. Bus drivers are able to manually log a student on or off a bus by using their name or student ID number. However, since this process is timely and ID cards are required for general school safety, school personnel will be made aware of students who frequently board the bus without a card.

Q8: Do students have to wear their IDs during after-school hours or during extra-curricular events?

While attending school-sponsored activities, all students must carry their student ID on their person and have it available if requested by a school or district official.

Q9: How does my child get their ID?

All students will be provided an ID card within the first week of school. Students enrolling in the middle of the year will receive an ID as part of the registration process. Should a student misplace or damage their existing card, they should promptly go to the front office to get a new one. There is a $5 fee for replacement ID cards.

Q10: What if my child loses their ID?

All students are provided their first ID card free of charge. Should the ID be lost, stolen, or damaged, a replacement must be promptly purchased for $5 from the school office.