

# Youth Opportunity Pass Consent 2019-2020

## Vancouver Public Schools, Evergreen School District, Washington State School for the Blind, and Washington School for the Deaf

C-TRAN, Vancouver Public Schools, the Evergreen School District, WSSB, WSD, and Vancouver Parks and Recreation have formed a partnership to provide free access to public transit and local community centers for all currently enrolled middle and senior high school students who wish to participate. As a participant in this program, your child will receive one full year of free public transit access starting September 1 and continuing through the following August 31. It does not provide service past the Columbia River or on C-VAN paratransit, TriMet or the Portland Streetcar.

**Community Center Access:** If you consent to your child participating in this program, your child's Youth Opportunity Pass can then be used to gain free access to either Marshall or Firstenburg community centers. Simply take your child and their Pass to your preferred location to fill out the required form. You will then receive a community center ID card that provides access during non-school hours.

**The total value of the Youth Opportunity Pass for the entire year is over \$525.** Because of that, it's very important that you and your child take the time to carefully read the following information to ensure that access privileges remain throughout the year. Following each section is a space for each of you to initial, indicating that you have read and understand the information provided. When completed, please return this consent form to your school. School staff will NOT release a pass without a consent form.

## Part A. Rules and Guidelines

### Riding C-TRAN is easy.

If you need help planning your trip, use our online Trip Planner or call Customer Service at (360) 695-0123. When you've determined which bus to catch and the time it is expected to arrive, follow these simple steps:

- Wait at a C-TRAN bus stop or shelter. C-TRAN has more than 1,100 bus stops clearly marked with the route number of each bus serving that stop.
- Be sure you are visible to the driver. Stand close to the sign or shelter and watch for the approaching bus.
- Have school ID/pass ready.
- Allow other passengers to get off the bus before you board.
- Show the driver your pass.
- About one block before your stop, signal the driver by pressing the yellow or black bell strip on the wall near the bus window. This isn't necessary on The Vine, which stops at all platforms.

### Rules for Riding

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

- Make seats available to seniors, persons with disabilities and other riders when needed.
- Do not smoke or vape, eat, drink, litter or disturb other C-TRAN riders.
- Stand behind the white line after paying your fare.
- Avoid unnecessary conversation with the operator.
- Adequately wrap and contain any article that may spill or has an offensive odor.
- Children are not allowed to stand on seats.
- Report any unattended items, graffiti or other vandalism to the driver or Customer Service.

**The following are not allowed on C-TRAN buses, park and rides or transit centers:**

- Flammable, explosive or hazardous materials
- Illegal weapons
- Disturbing drivers or riders with loud, harmful or harassing behavior
- Spitting
- Defacing or damaging property
- Refusing to pay proper fare
- Boarding without wearing a shirt or shoes
- Using tobacco or electronic cigarettes
- Putting feet on seats
- Littering on any C-TRAN bus or property
- Playing sound equipment without earphones
- Sleeping, lying down or occupying more than one seat
- Any violation of federal, state or municipal law

Violations of these rules, as well as those found in the Unlawful Bus Conduct (RCW 9.91.025), may result in refusal of service or arrest.

**Service Animals on C-TRAN**

Your service animal is welcome on C-TRAN. No permit is required, but your operator may ask you to verbally confirm that it is a service animal. You are responsible for the care and supervision of your animal while on the bus, so please follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all (*failure to do so may result in a denial of service*):

- Service animals must be leashed or contained in a closed carrier and remain at your feet or on your lap. They may not sit on a vehicle seat.
- Service animals must remain under your control at all times and may not act aggressively toward people or other animals.
- The animal must be housebroken. You are responsible for any damage or soiling caused by your service animal.

**Carry-On Items**

- C-TRAN drivers may refuse to allow articles on board that could create a nuisance or cause harm.
- Drinks and food must be in spill-proof containers.
- No eating is allowed on the bus.
- Other large objects may be allowed at the discretion of the operator.
- Aisles and doorways must be kept clear at all times.
- Children must be removed from strollers while on board the bus.
- Strollers must be folded and kept out of the bus aisle and in the control of the owner.

**Safewatch:** Every C-TRAN bus, van and vehicle is also a SafeWatch vehicle with instant access to emergency help. For you, that means a safe-house on wheels; just flag down a C-TRAN vehicle or stay on the bus with an operator if you need help. If you ever feel unsafe while riding a C-TRAN bus due to the actions of another passenger, notify the operator. ***For your safety, all C-TRAN buses are equipped with video surveillance so your picture and voice may be recorded during your trip.***

**Safestop:** After 8:00 p.m., passengers who are traveling alone can request that their driver stop anywhere along their bus route, where safety allows. This program extends into daylight hours during adverse weather situations such as snow and ice or other emergencies.

**Quick Tips**

- Do not cross in front of a C-TRAN bus at a bus stop. Wait until the bus leaves the stop, and then cross carefully.
- If you are standing in the bus, hang onto the handrails provided in the event the bus makes a quick stop.
- Electronic devices make it harder to hear what is going on around you. Be mindful and watchful of your surroundings.

For more information about C-TRAN safety, please visit [www.c-tran.org/about-c-tran/safety-and-security](http://www.c-tran.org/about-c-tran/safety-and-security).

**Terms and Conditions**

- Use of the Youth Opportunity pass may be used for unlimited Local travel only when presented to a driver along with a current year school issued photo ID. When using an electronically chipped sticker, it must be tapped and accepted at a card reader. Valid fare and school issued photo ID is required for each vehicle boarding and at designated transit areas. Additional terms apply. Go to myhopcard.com or call 1-844-MYHOPCARD to review the full terms of use.
- Use of the Youth Opportunity Pass sticker constitutes acceptance of these terms. Stickers are non-transferable and use is subject to applicable laws, codes and procedures. Youth Opportunity Pass stickers have no cash value and can't be refunded or sold.
- Youth Opportunity Pass stickers must be presented when requested by authorized fare enforcement personnel.

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| <i>Part A.</i>    |                  |
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| Guardian Initials | Student Initials |

## Part B. Parent & Student Agreement



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

By signing this document, we both agree to allow school staff to issue my child a Youth Opportunity Pass, which is valid for the entire school year and through the following summer. We both understand that the pass:

- May not be replaced if lost or damaged;
- May not be sold, traded or used by anyone other than the designated student;
- Provides my child unlimited and unsupervised access to C-TRAN Local bus service through **August 31, 2020**;
- Provides my child with free access to either the Firstenburg or Marshall Luepke community centers during non-school hours. ***A separate application must be completed and returned directly to the community center before access is granted.***

**Sharing of Information:** Your child's information will never be shared; however, by signing this agreement you understand that in certain situations your child's name and photo may be shared between C-TRAN, the school district and Vancouver Parks and Recreation for official purposes only.

C-TRAN and the school district are not responsible for any injury that occurs on C-TRAN property if injury is the result of my child's failure to abide by the rules as stated in this agreement. We understand that this is a C-TRAN initiative. We will hold the school district harmless for all loss, injury or damage that may arise from my student's participation in this program.

| Please Print Clearly |  |
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| Student Name         |  |
| Current grade        |  |
| School Attending     |  |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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| <b>For school use ONLY</b>   | <b>Date Received:</b> _____ |
| _____<br>Print name of school faculty who received the consent form and released sticker to student. |                             |
| _____<br>Signature of school faculty   |                             |



## Hop Fastpass™ Agreement Form

As a current student of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of School District), I verify that I have received a Hop Fastpass™ fare instrument that provides me with the Youth Opportunity Pass for the current school year. This program is administered through my school district and is in accordance with the Program Requirements agreed to between them and C-TRAN. I accept this fare instrument with the following understandings:

1. This Hop fare instrument is for my use only. This Hop fare instrument can not be sold to or used by anyone other than myself, under any circumstance. If someone other than myself is found using it they may be subject to all provision in the C-TRAN Fare Policy and Terms of Use found on the Hop website; a violation of which may result in fines and/or exclusions and I may lose my Hop user privileges.
2. Any alteration of this fare instrument shall render it invalid. In the event that C-TRAN reasonably believes that I have duplicated, altered or otherwise used the fare instrument in a manner not authorized, C-TRAN shall request an investigation into the matter. If the investigation determines that misuse has occurred, I understand that my Hop fare instrument must be returned and then deactivated and my eligibility to participate in this program terminated.
3. In the event that I withdraw from school early, my Hop fare instrument will be deactivated and no longer available to use by my final day as a student.
4. When using my Hop fare instrument, I am required to tap it to a Hop reader every time I board a vehicle where fares are required.
5. I understand that I am required to keep my Hop fare instrument in good working order and condition. Should it become exceptionally worn, faded or degraded it is my responsibility to notify my school or district immediately so a replacement instrument can be issued. I understand that my old instrument will then be blocked from future use.
6. I accept and agree to comply with C-TRAN's Rules for Riding as posted at [c-tran.com/how-to-ride/learning-center/rules-for-riding](http://c-tran.com/how-to-ride/learning-center/rules-for-riding).
7. I accept and agree to the terms of the Privacy Policy located at [myhopcard.com](http://myhopcard.com).

**By signing below, I verify my full understanding and compliance with the above statements.**

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**Student Name (please print)**

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**Date**

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**Student Signature**