



MBTA Student Pass Information

BUA students are able to ride the T for a discounted rate either by using a Student Stored Value CharlieCard or a Student CharlieCard Pass. MBTA passes are provided free of charge for all City of Boston residents who live more than 2 miles from campus as well as for those families who receive financial aid. All other families will be billed through their Smart Tuition account.

Orders must be placed by Monday, August 16 in order for students to receive their passes for the start of the school year. BUA aims to have all passes available for students by the week of August 23, but this is highly dependent on when the MBTA issues the passes. We will notify families by email as soon as the passes are ready for pick-up at BUA.

Where applicable, all MBTA pass orders will be billed to a family's Smart Tuition account. Please be aware that families must notify BUA prior to the 15th of the month in order to cancel the next month's pass without being charged. The school reserves the right to charge a replacement fee if there is a pattern of lost/misplaced cards.

MBTA Student Pass Options

Stored Value CharlieCard (FREE): This no-cost card will enable a student to travel on the bus, subway, and express bus at a “pay-as-you-go” half-fare rate. A student is responsible for adding funds to the card at an MBTA fare vending machine and will only be charged the student fare for each leg of the ride. Students can also add a monthly unlimited travel pass (\$30) to the card if they choose.

Monthly CharlieCard Pass (\$30/month for 10 months): This pass will enable a student unlimited travel 7 days a week on the bus, subway, express bus, and commuter rail zones 1A, 1, and 2. Monthly passes will be automatically uploaded to the Student CharlieCard and can only be issued in consecutive months (i.e. students cannot skip any months during the year).

Monthly CharlieCard Pass - City of Boston resident (FREE): The City of Boston provides an MBTA Monthly CharlieCard pass for all city residents who live more than two miles from school. See description above for more information.

Monthly CharlieCard Pass - Financial aid recipient (FREE): All students who receive a need-based financial aid award are eligible to receive an MBTA Monthly CharlieCard pass. See description above for more information.