



## Eligibility Guidelines for MetroCards Issued by The New York City Department of Education

The New York City Department of Education provides reduced-fare MetroCards to school children according to the following eligibility requirements. MMS families who qualify for the cards should see Alicia Abel, the MMS receptionist. MetroCards are distributed twice a year, in September and February.

### Eligibility Guidelines

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Distance*</u>	<u>Eligible for:</u>
1st & 2nd	1/2 mile or more	Full Fare
1st & 2nd	less than 1/2 mile	Half Fare
3rd – 6th	1 mile or more	Full Fare
3rd – 6th	1/2 mile or more	Half Fare
3rd – 6th	less than 1/2 mile	Not Eligible

\*½ mile equals 10 blocks, 1 mile equals 20 blocks

Students who receive a full-fare pass are entitled to 3 trips per day on either the subway or bus, including one free transfer to any other bus or subway.

Students who receive the half-fare pass contribute half of the normal bus fare and are provided with a free transfer to any other bus. The MetroCard half-fare does not provide a free transfer from the bus to the subway.

A temporary exception to the existing distance eligibility criteria may be granted under special circumstances such as medical or hazardous reasons and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Education.

Please notify Ms. Abel immediately if your child's MetroCard is lost, stolen, or damaged. MMS will try to obtain a replacement card, but a duplicate is not guaranteed until the February distribution.