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## METRO's Summer of Fun offers HISD students free rides all summer long

May 30, 2019 – The Summer of Fun program offers HISD students K-12 free rides on all METRO light rail, local bus, and Park & Ride service June 1 through Aug. 31, 2019.

There are four ways to take advantage of the Summer of Fun program:

- Apply online at <u>RideMetro.org</u>
- Apply by mail by filling out the registration form on the attached flyer
- Apply by mail by calling 713-635-4000 to request a form
- Apply in person at METRO RideStores, 1900 Main St. or 1001 Travis St. (weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Applicants must provide one of the following: current student ID, report card, or class schedule.

All participants need to do to ride for free is tap their METRO Student Q-Fare Card on the Q Box to pay for their trip. The Q Box is located at the front of the bus, next to the operator, and on all METRORail platforms.

After the program ends, the card then reverts to a standard Student METRO Q Fare Card, requiring payment for all future trips. After loading money onto the card, students may ride for half price.

METRO requires all Summer of Fun riders to register their card before using it. If your card is lost or stolen, METRO will provide one FREE replacement— all future replacements will require a fee of \$10.

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