

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 22, 2019

AGENDA ITEM:

V.C. Bus Passes for Students

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

Many of our students who qualify for free or reduced price meals (FRPM) use public transit to get to school. Students have shared with teachers and other adults on campus that paying for the bus is a financial burden for them and their families. Many FRPM students have to ask for free rides from bus drivers or ask others to borrow money to pay for the bus. As our school moves towards being a culturally proficient school and providing equitable education and services to students, it would benefit both parties involved to provide bus passes.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Administrators
Intervention Team
Teachers

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

Bus passes are \$24 per month, per student. We have approximately 1,200 FRPM students on campus. If a student gets to school 5 additional days throughout the year as a result of the bus pass, the program will pay for itself (a student's attendance brings in approximately \$58 a day).

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS (IF ANY):

The school is attempting to make sure that our students that travel from long distances are able to make it to school. We want to make sure that they have the means to attend school without worry. The alleviation of the anxiety and stress that is built up just getting to and from school is tremendous. This will allow students to focus on their academics and get to school more often.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

Provide free bus passes to FRPM students that qualify for free meals. Provide reduced priced bus passes to FRPM students that qualify for a reduced meal - a comparable reduction in meal price (reduced by 89% for students who qualify for reduced price meals) would equate to the \$24 bus pass being sold for \$2.50 per month. Attached is the school application which will provide oversight into the student's academic standing and overall attendance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the motion to provide bus passes to FRPM students. This will create an equitable environment for our out-of-district students. It will also service the nearby communities that send many students to ECR. It will also be used as a marketing tool to attract future students to ECR.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to approve bus passes for students who qualify for free or reduced price meals.



Bus Pass Application

Application Instructions

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at El Camino Real Charter High School.
- Turn in this application along with the TAP card student application.
- Sections 1, 2 and 3 need to be completed.

Section 1- Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Street Address	Apt. #	
City, State, Zip	Birth Date	
School issued e-mail	Telephone number	

Section 2- Criteria

- "Free meal" students will get a pass at no cost.
- "Reduced meal" students will get a pass for \$2.50 per month.
- Students need to have a 95% attendance rate. If attendance drops below 95%, students will need to meet with the intervention team until attendance meets the requirement. The intervention team will also contact parents/guardians.
- Students need to have a 2.0 GPA. If grades drop below a 2.0, students will need to meet with the intervention team until grades met the requirement. The intervention team will also contact parents/guardians.

Section 3- Signature

I understand that I may lose the use of my school-issued TAP card if I misuse the card or if I do not meet the minimum requirements established by the School. I understand that my TAP card is non-transferable. I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature - Applicant	Date
Parent/Guardian (if Applicant is under 18 years of age)	Date