

Keep Your Child's Free OC Bus Rides Active



Youth ages 6 to 18 can ride OC Bus for free with a Wave Card. To keep your child's Wave card set up for free rides after **September 30, 2026**, a parent or guardian must complete a few steps.



What parents/guardians need to do

1. Create or sign in to a Wave account in the parent/guardian's name.
2. Complete the Youth Ride Free application for your child.
3. Have these items ready: your child's Wave card number (on back of card), a document showing your child's name and birthdate, and a recent photo of your child.

After your child is approved

Your child keeps using their Wave card to ride OC Bus for free. Youth Ride Free status must be renewed every two years.

Need a Wave card?

Request one online and complete the steps above.

If no action is taken

After September 30, 2026, your child's Wave card will require an account with regular paid fare instead of the free youth fare.

Apply today to keep Youth Ride Free active:
OCBus.com/Apply

STUDENTS

What you need to do

- Ask your parent or guardian to register your card so it stays free.
- Use your Wave card every time you board for free.

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OCTA Wave Open House

Thursday, September 10
2:30–4:30 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange

To apply on site, both the parent/guardian and student must be present and bring a copy of the student's eligibility documents. View eligibility documents at OCBus.com/Apply



Need Help?

Visit octa.net/YouthRideFree or call (714) 636-RIDE

