



Dear CEC 28,

Thank you for your advocacy regarding OMNY cards and student eligibility.

Grade and distance eligibility rules have not changed and still apply for OMNY cards, as they did for MetroCards prior to this year. As noted on our website, student OMNY cards can be used:

- All day (not just certain hours)
- Every day of the year (not just school days)
- Every day of the week (even on weekends and over the summer)
- All year long (your OMNY card is valid for the entire school year and the summer)

In addition, students who do not have OMNY cards for regular school day transportation but have afterschool activities that require transit are eligible for two-trip OMNY cards, as they were previously eligible for two-trip MetroCards. We have already given out over 968,908 OMNY cards this year. The NYCPS [website](#), which is translatable in multiple languages, contains a wealth of information regarding OMNY cards, including FAQs about what students should do if an OMNY card is lost, stolen, or simply not working. We truly value your input and certainly support your interest in ensuring fair and equitable distribution of OMNY cards.

In the meantime, we will continue to explore options to expand eligibility for OMNY cards with the MTA. As you know, any significant expansion in eligibility would require agreement between both NYCPS and MTA. We welcome your ongoing support in making sure that we can provide appropriate transportation for students every day.

Thanks,

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