Rules and Regulations For
Student Travel on NFTA Metro Public Transit

General

• You have the same rights as any rider of the NFTA Metro system. You also have the same responsibilities as any rider of the NFTA Metro system.

• Metro Bus and Rail is an extension of the school day. We expect the same behavior from you while on NFTA Metro as when you are in school. There will be consequences for poor behavior while on NFTA Metro.

Who, when and where you can use your pass

• Your bus pass can only be used on official school days.

• Your bus pass can only be used by you. You cannot share your pass with another student or anyone else.

• Each student is assigned a PM Designated Route that they must take on their trip home. The bus pass can only be used on the designated routes between school and home.

• If you need a different route assignment you must fill out a PM Routing Change Request Form. This form will be available at your school during the month of September. After September you can download the form at: http://www.buffaloschools.org/Transportation.cfm?subpage=6787, or you must go to 105 Bailey to fill out the Routing Change Request.

• All Route assignments will be permanent after December 16, 2016. After this date Route assignments will only be changed if you move.

• You need to purchase a ticket or have a valid form of payment if you are using Metro to go anywhere except straight home.

• You MUST use the Specials if they are available at your school at dismissal.

• Your bus pass can only be used during the hours marked on the pass.

• You must already be on the first bus or train of your trip home before the expiration time listed on your pass arrives. The time the pass expires is listed on the pass. It is set at 90 minutes after the school dismisses.

• Your bus pass can also only be used for 90 minutes after you are dismissed from school on an Early Release Day.

• You may contact your child’s school security officer with any questions or concerns regarding your child’s transportation arrangements.

When you must show your pass

• Your bus pass must be shown face up to the Bus Operator each time you board a bus.

• Transfers are not necessary with a bus pass. Just show your bus pass to the Bus Operator for each bus on your route.

• The NFTA Rail system was designed without ticket gates. All riders must show their pass or proof of payment to a Police Officer or Fare Inspector when asked on the Rail.
Riding rules

- You must follow all posted rules and regulations of the NFTA. This includes following all traffic related laws both while on NFTA vehicles and while boarding and exiting.
- While arriving at or embarking from a Metro bus you must follow all safety regulations. A Metro Bus does not have the same safety devices that a yellow school bus has. There are no stop lights to notify drivers that you are crossing a street. **Be careful when crossing the street after getting off a Metro bus.**
- You are not allowed to loiter or wait in or around Rail Station, on school premises or at bus stops. If you need to be in a Rail Station, move immediately to the Boarding Platform or Bus Stop and board the bus or train immediately.
- Prohibited activities while on busses or trains or train stations include but are not limited to:
  - Eating or drinking
  - Playing electronic devices without headphones
  - Fighting
  - Use vulgar language
  - Throwing objects
  - Possession of any weapons
  - Any criminal activities

Consequences for inappropriate behavior

- Good behavior is expected at all times while in the Metro system.
- If you have your pass confiscated for inappropriate behavior while in the NFTA Metro system, your pass may not be returned for a period of time depending on the severity of your actions and the number of previous violations.
- Criminal behaviors such as fighting or weapons on the NFTA Metro system may be dealt with through the legal system so don’t put yourself in that position.
- You must show respect for Bus Operators, Police Officers, Fare Inspectors and school officials if they question you about your bus pass use.
- If the Bus Operator, Fare Inspector or Police Officer asks you to surrender your pass, do so cooperatively. Report the incident to your school ASAP.

Replacing a confiscated pass

- Your parent or other responsible party must come in person to 105 Bailey Avenue to apply for a replacement. Your pass will not be returned to you until after the term of confiscation.

Replacing a lost or missing pass

- If you lose your pass, your parent or other responsible party must come in person to the Service Center at 105 Bailey Avenue to apply for a replacement.

The process to obtain a replacement pass for lost, missing or confiscated passes can take up to 10 days.