Transport policy statement for students aged 16-18 in further education and continuing students aged 19 and over

Name of LEA: MIDDLESBROUGH

Department Responsible: Home to School Transport

1. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for students aged 16–19 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the student.

The Children, Families and Learning Department in Middlesbrough participates with neighbouring Councils to offer all students residing within the Authority aged 16–18 years and continuing students aged 19 years in full time education at Sixth Form College or College of Further Education a half fare permit, which allows travel to and from college at half fare. These passes are available from the Home to Transport section at a cost of £10.00. Each pass is valid for the duration of the course.

2. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

For all journeys to and from college commencing before 6:30pm.

3. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

The half fare bus pass will be valid for the academic year during which the student attains their 19th birthday.

4. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g., means testing or must they be on benefits?

No means testing required. All students are eligible for a half fare permit.
5. What help do you provide for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or students facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Students who are attending the appropriate Sixth Form College or College of Further Education for their course will be provided with free transport if, transport was identified as a non-educational need within their last Special Educational Needs Statement. Transport is reviewed on a termly basis in order to promote independent travel.

6. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?

No

7. When should students start to apply for transport support?

Anytime commencing 1st July

8. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LEA area?

The half fare permit scheme extends into neighbouring Authorities.

9. What help is available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

The student should contact the individual college, who may assist with the cost of residency.
10. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LEA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

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