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

Name of Local Authority: Derbyshire County Council.

Department Responsible:
Children and Younger Adults.

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.
Derbyshire b_line - card available to all Derbyshire residents from 14 to 19 years of age in full time education. Allows half fare travel, on bus and train, anywhere in Derbyshire and into neighbouring authorities as long as the journey starts or finishes in Derbyshire).
No charge for pass or pass issue. £5 replacement charge for lost pass.
2. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?
Travel concessions are available at anytime on a daily basis.

3. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.
The b_line card is only available until a students 19th birthday and no further support is available to mainstream students.
In respect of students with special needs, transport is available up to the age of 25 to their local school/college.

4. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g., means testing or must they be on benefits?
The b_line card is available free of charge to all Derbyshire residents up to the age of 19, providing they are in full time education. Students with special needs require a letter of support from their doctor to qualify for assistance. Transport assistance is not means tested.

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?
See 3 and 4
6. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?
Derbyshire does not currently provide independent travel training for students although investigations are underway with a view to introduce a pilot scheme during 2007.

7. When should students start to apply for transport support?
Students should apply for a b_line card as soon as they decide to return to school/college for post 16 studies. Students with special needs must apply for travel assistance for the following academic year during the summer term.

8. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LA area?
The b_line card is valid for journeys to another LA providing the journey starts or finishes in Derbyshire. Students with special needs should attend what is considered to be their local school/college and each situation will be considered on its merits.

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?
Students with special needs who have residential placements may be entitled to travel assistance for a journey to visit home each week/fortnight or term provided the placement is funded by the LSC. Assistance will only be available up to the age of 25.

10. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

See enclosed Post 16 Transport Plan for contact details and further detail to brief answers to questions above.