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**Lawrence Transit offers savings to K-12 students all year**

*New student semester bus pass gives access to transportation at lower fares*

(Lawrence, Kan.) – Along with a new backpack and school supplies, many K-12 students will have a bus pass on their list of items to pick up before school begins. Lawrence Transit is pleased to announce a new lower priced bus pass that will allow more students to have easier access to transportation throughout the year.

For only $10, the student semester bus pass is good for unlimited rides for four months. Pass will be offered for fall (Sept-Dec), spring (Jan-Apr), and summer (May-Aug). The fall pass is available for purchase starting Aug. 14 at City Hall, Dillons, Hy-Vee, The Merc, and Parks & Recreation facilities.

“Transportation to and from school and after-school activities poses challenges for many families. In some cases, those challenges affect students’ attendance or their participation in activities they would like to try,” said Anna Stubblefield, USD 497’s interim superintendent. “The student semester bus pass is a great option for families looking for affordable, safe, and reliable transportation.”

Lawrence Transit has offered a student summer bus pass for the last five years. Each year, the program has grown, as more and more students discover how the bus can help them with their transportation needs. Robert Nugent, transit administrator, said expanding that program throughout the school year is a great way to introduce transit to a whole new generation of people.

“Riding the bus is a great way to save money, help the environment, and become less dependent on parents for getting to and from school and activities,” Nugent said. “We have lots of resources available to assist first-time riders, including a real-time app that shows when the next bus is coming.”

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit [www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org) or call (785) 864-4644.

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