

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding our school bus pass process, starting with the **2025/2026 academic year**. Students **must retain their bus pass from the 24/25** school year as the Cowichan Valley School District will provide only **one** bus pass the **first** time a student is enrolled in the transportation service.

What's Changing?

Beginning in the 2025/2026 academic school year, bus passes will no longer be reissued annually. Instead, your student will be expected to keep their current pass from 2024/2025 academic year and reuse the same bus pass from year to year.

How to Keep the Bus Pass in Good Condition

To help protect the pass and ensure its longevity, we strongly recommend placing it in a plastic protective cover.

Lost or Damaged Passes

The replacement fee for lost and altered passes is \$10.00. Payment can be made for replacement passes via e-transfer to buspasspayments@sd79.bc.ca or by credit card at 250-748-1066 ext 276 Replacement passes will be sent with your students afternoon driver.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement this new process.