

# APPENDIX VIII – 5

**TUCSON UNIFIED**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Late Activity Bus Pass System

**Courtesy of TUSD Transportation  
& Interscholastic Departments**



# Late Activity Transportation Service Challenges

- Non-Late Activity Students “Joy Riding” on Buses
- Disruptive Behavior of “Joy Riders” Contribute to Bus Delays
- Drivers Do Not Have Names of Non-Participant Students
- Non-Participant Students Occupy Available Space
- Additional Stops Cause Delays & Increase Parent Complaints
- Non-Participant Students Utilize Buses for Non-related Activities
- Unable to Notify Parents to Report Accidents/Incidents
- Additional Buses Requested to Manage Rider Overloads

# Operation S.C.O.P.E.

**“S” – Student Focused** – Increase ridership potential and students arrive home as early as possible

**“C” – Cost Effective** – Reduce driver and staff hours

**“O” – Organized** – Seamless across schools

**“P” – Predictable** – Students know stop locations and parents know drop off schedule

**“E” – Efficient** – Maximum productivity with minimal waste of resources

# Who Will Benefit from a Bus Pass System?



Student  
Athletes



Tutoring  
Students



Club Students



# Benefits Continued...

Efficient  
Transportation

Earlier Arrival  
Home

Ability to Have  
a Good Dinner

More Time for  
Homework

Good Night  
Sleep 😊



# Greater Efficiency

Appropriate Stops

**Transport Students to Appropriate Stops in a Timely Matter**

Eligible Riders

**Helps Ensure Students that are Riding are Eligible for Late Activity Bus Routes**

Efficient Routing

**Ability to Route Buses in More Efficient Route Patterns**

Fewer OT Hours

**Helps Reduce Overtime Pay for Drivers**

Save Gas/Resources

**Save on Gas and Extra Mileage and Wear on District buses**

# Implementation Plan

- ✓ **Identify High Schools for Participation**
- ✓ **Meet with School staff to Discuss Plan**
- ✓ **Agree on Rollout Date for Each High School**
- ✓ **Provide Technical Assistance to Ensure Successful Rollout**
- ✓ **Monitor Implementation Over 30 Days**
- ✓ **Evaluate Performance Indicators to Document Improvements**
- ✓ **Develop Schedule for Middle Schools & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program**





# What is Needed from the Schools to Start Program

- **Roster of Students participating in:**  
**Sports, Tutoring, Clubs** – Email sent to Transportation
- **Schools Issue Label on back of Student ID:**

**Example:**



- **Students Not on Rosters** – Need to show student ID  
Names will be collected, Email sent to the school next day for Confirmation
- **Students will be requested to provide name or ID with Pass before boarding bus**

# Testimonial

Hello,

My name is Jason Karn, Athletic Director at Palo Verde High School. Transportation reached out to me recently and asked me to write a testimonial about how we handle our activity bus riders at our school. Last fall, we had a lot of kids riding who weren't involved in after school activities. Some of those kids would hang around the neighborhood or shopping complex across the street causing problems and then get a free ride home. Mark Escobar from Transportation reached out to me for some help as I was unaware this was even a problem.

We came up with a system that has worked for us. I began emailing my coaches, asking for a list of activity bus riders or potential riders. Once I compiled the list near the beginning of each season, I'd email those names to Mark so he could forward it to his drivers. At the same time my athletic secretary would put those names on a site-generated pass, laminate them and give them to me. From there, I'd give the passes to the coaches or athletes. At that point the kids have their own passes and show them when they board the busses and the drivers log their name and destination.

This system has cut the number of "free" riders and made the job much easier for the drivers. We have continued using this system with much success. Occasionally we will get a rider who is not on the list or stays after school for something other than sports. They are not turned away, but their name is taken and Mark emails me the name so I can check on that student from my end. If they are legitimate, we add their name and issue them a bus pass. If you would like to speak to me more about this system, feel free to call me at the number below.

Regards,

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Thank you!

Any Questions?

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