

Transit Services for Students in Transition

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1. Who are we? The Partnership TMA (PTMA) – TMAs are nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving mobility for all individuals. They are a nationwide program but in Pennsylvania that are located in Allegheny County, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Montgomery County and Philadelphia County.
2. Travel training for senior citizen evolves.
3. Transportation information for students in transition and their parents available on our new website – www.montcotransitinfo.org
4. Parent Involvement – School districts hosted parent meetings where the PTMA answered questions, reviewed curriculum, practiced reading schedules, played pedestrian safety dvd and discussed concerns and ideas to make the class enjoyable and relevant to students.
5. Travel Training Curriculum – The basics – classes were ½ hour long during a 5 week period followed by a bus trip on the sixth session. Students maintain special transportation folders which stayed in the classroom. No student was forced to attend the program.
6. Pedestrian Unit – Items covered: how to cross the street properly, signage, train crossing, visibility and backing up.
7. Reading the schedule – Start with the most simple schedule and then progress to add on additional skills.

8. Planning the trip – Topics discussed: how do you pay for the trip, what should you bring on a trip, safety tips and bus etiquette.
9. What Would You Do If? – This session covers situations that might arise when a student takes public transit.
10. The Bus – This is a must – if you want to do a shorter class, training can be done on the bus. Have a bus there that the students will most likely use. Topics covered: Outside the bus – bike racks, kneeling bus, wheelchair ramp, signage side and front. On board the bus – paying, pulling the chord, priority seating, and bus amenities.
11. Advance Planning for the Trip – Items that need to be covered before students take their trip – How hard and far is it to walk to the bus? Where is the bus stop? How crowded is the bus at the time your group is going to take it? Where does the bus stop at the mall? Where are the bathrooms at the mall? Where do we catch the bus back?
12. Funding – Diversify your sources. Seek out private partners.

Questions?