Student Ventra Cards

Students must have a Student Ventra Card to receive the Student Reduced Fare on CTA buses and trains. Many schools issue them.

Student Ventra Cards can be loaded at vending machines, more than 1,000 retailers(Opens in a new window), online(Opens in a new window), in the Ventra app.

Using a Student Ventra Card to get the Student Reduced Fare

There are two ways to use a Student Ventra Card to get the Student Reduced Fare:

- **Students can pay with their Student Ventra Card** for train and bus fare with transit value.
- **Students can pay in cash/coins on buses** if they have their Student Ventra Card and ask the driver to pay a cash student fare. Bus drivers cannot give change and transfers are not available when paying this way.

Using the Student Ventra Card for non-school trips

Student Ventra Cards can be used for out-of-school riding, too—regular fares are automatically deducted from transit value outside of Student Reduced Fare hours or outside of a school term.

For children 12-20, a regular Full Fare is deducted from transit value.

For children 7–11, a regular Reduced Fare is deducted from transit value outside of Student Reduced Fare hours, *if your card is registered* (otherwise, students will need to ask for help to receive an age-based Reduced Fare).

Fare info for students

Quick fare chart	**Student Reduced Fare** (during student fare hours, only*)	**Reduced Fare** (at all other times, for children 7-11)	**Full Fare** (at all other times,for students 12 and up)
'L' train fare (from Ventra Card Transit Account)	**$0.75**	**$1.25**	**$2.50**
Bus fare (from Ventra Card Transit Account)	**.75**	**1.10**	**2.25**
Bus fare when paying directly with cash/coins	**.75**	**1.25**	**2.50**
Transfer *(up to 2 additional rides within 2 hrs; not available when paying cash)*	**Free**	**Free**	**Free**

***Student fare hours:** CTA Student Reduced Fare is available for full-time students ages 7–20, for trips to and from regular day classes (at a public, parochial or private elementary or high school), Monday thru Friday, 5:30a-8:30p, on school days, with a Student Ventra Card.

This special student fare is only available on CTA buses and trains.

Register your card

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to register Student Ventra Cards. Registration ensures balance protection in the event the card is lost, stolen or damaged.

Registering also provides online account management features (including the ability to reload value online or set cards up to automatically reload when the value gets low).

Additionally, you'll receive important messages about student fares.

Registration is quick and easy and can be done online at ventrachicago.com(Opens in a new window)

Card lost, stolen or damaged?

If your Ventra Student Card is lost, stolen or damaged, students can purchase a replacement card for $5.00 cash through their school.

Getting help

For more information, you can contact Ventra Customer Service at 1-877-NOW-VENTRA.