



Vashon Island Student Ferry Commuter Information for Families

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is pleased to welcome you to Vashon Island for the 2017-18 school year, where nearly 300 students will travel unaccompanied on our ferries to attend Vashon Island Schools. While WSF is a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation and is not a contracted transportation provider for the Vashon Island School District (VISD), we work very closely with VISD to ensure the safety of the students who commute by ferry, since all of us have a vested interest in smooth sailing on the waters.

What follows are some important instructions for commuting families and some guidelines for safe passage on the waters. Please read this information carefully and discuss it with your student before signing. Thank you for helping to make this school year a safe and sound one on your Washington State Ferries.

Student Drop-Off at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal

- Parents must drop off their children at the triangular park-and-ride parking lot at the top (SW side) of the Fauntleroy terminal. **Please note that because of safety concerns, parents will no longer be able to drive against traffic and down the exit lanes to drop their children off next to the Fauntleroy terminal building.**
- Please plan to arrive at the terminal so that your child has sufficient time to walk down the sidewalk to the ferry terminal, purchase tickets, and board the ferry—suggested time is **at least 10-15 minutes prior to sailing time.**
- Please be aware that this is peak commuting time on one of WSF's busiest routes, and WSF will not "hold the ferry" for students who do not arrive at the terminal on time. No exceptions.

Student Drop-Off at the Southworth Ferry Terminal

- At the Southworth Terminal, parents should drop off their students in the pay parking lot next to the ferry holding lanes, near the bus stop in the lower parking lot area.
- If a student needs to purchase a ticket, he or she can be dropped off next to the #1 tollbooth (near the entrance to the terminal and in the upper area of this same lot). **Please note that because of safety concerns, parents will no longer be able to drop off their children at the Southworth terminal building.**

- Parents should drop students off **at least 10-15 minutes prior to sailing time** to ensure that their children have adequate time to walk from the tollbooth or parking area and down to the terminal.
- Please be aware that this is peak commuting time on one of WSF's busiest routes, and WSF cannot "hold the ferry" for students who do not arrive at the terminal on time.

Waiting at the Terminal

- Students waiting for a ferry at the terminal must remain in the designated safety area and follow any safety instructions given to them by WSF employees.
- Students must not climb on or over terminal barriers.

Payment of Fare

- A Youth Fare ticket currently costs \$2.65; as of October 1, 2017, the fare increases to \$2.70. Students may pay this fare by using an ORCA Card, a Wave2Go multi-ride pass, or a WSF re-value card.
- **Fautleroy parents must ensure that students have sufficient cash on hand to pay their fare in the event that there is a problem with their usual method of payment—**for example, their card is lost, there are insufficient funds on the card, etc.
- **Southworth students must ensure they have the appropriate pre-paid ticket prior to getting onboard the ferry;** Southworth students will pay their fare when disembarking at Vashon Island. Cash is not accepted.
- Washington State Ferries is not responsible for students who do not have sufficient fare and unfortunately cannot allow students to travel on the ferries for free.

WSF Customer Service

- For questions about ferry schedules, Wave2Go or WSF revalue cards, parents can call WSF Customer Service at 206-464-6400 or email wsfinfo@wsdot.wa.gov.
- For questions about ORCA cards, parents should call ORCA directly at 888-988-6722 to get the most accurate information.
- Items that are left unattended will be turned in to WSF Lost and Found, which can be reached by calling 206-515-3439.