

Guide to New Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Passes

Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass

University/school students and children are eligible to purchase passes which provide unlimited rides for commuting. These can be used when going to extracurricular activities or shopping as well as for commuting to school.

More types of Free Pass will be offered after the Tozai Line opens (Dec. 6).

- (1) Seven types of pass will be offered instead of the current two.
- (2) A new 6-month pass will be introduced. (Currently only 1-month and 3-month passes are available.)
- (3) Passes will be issued as icsca IC cards. (Those without an icsca card will have to pay a deposit of JPY 500 when purchasing the pass.)

*If you lose your icsca pass, it can be replaced. See the Transportation Bureau website for details.

Pass Types/Prices After Tozai Subway Line Opening

(Currency: JPY)

Adult (junior high school and older)	Type	1-month	3-month	6-month
City Bus Free Pass	City Bus	<u>5,140</u>	<u>15,420</u>	30,840
Subway Free Pass	Nanboku Line	6,950	20,850	41,700
	Tozai Line	6,950	20,850	41,700
	Nanboku & Tozai Lines	8,340	25,020	50,040
City Bus & Subway Free Pass	City Bus & Nanboku Line	<u>10,280</u>	<u>30,840</u>	61,680
	City Bus & Tozai Line	10,280	30,840	61,680
	City Bus, Nanboku & Tozai Lines	11,460	34,380	68,760

Child (elementary school and younger)	Type	1-month	3-month	6-month
City Bus Free Pass	City Bus	<u>2,570</u>	<u>7,710</u>	15,420
Subway Free Pass	Nanboku Line	3,480	10,440	20,880
	Tozai Line	3,480	10,440	20,880
	Nanboku & Tozai Lines	4,170	12,510	25,020
City Bus & Subway Free Pass	City Bus & Nanboku Line	<u>5,140</u>	<u>15,420</u>	30,840
	City Bus & Tozai Line	5,140	15,420	30,840
	City Bus, Nanboku & Tozai Lines	5,730	17,190	34,380

-Underlined prices indicate passes that are already available (1 and 3-month City Bus Free Pass, City Bus and Nanboku Line Free Pass).

-Free Passes cannot be used on Loople Sendai, the Rakuten Kobo Stadium Miyagi Shuttle, or Miyagi Transportation buses.

-See the Sendai City Transportation Bureau website for information on Free Pass welfare discounts.

If you have questions about the Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass or icsca card, please contact the Transportation Bureau Information Center. Tel. 022-222-2256

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Buying a New Gakuto Sendai Free Pass

Sales Offices

New passes go on sale Nov. 22.

Ticket offices: **Sendai, Izumi Chuo, Kotodaikoen, and Nagamachi Minami stations**

Asahigaoka Bus Terminal, and Transportation Bureau Office (1F)

Yagiymadobutsukoen*, Yakushido*, and Arai* stations

Bus offices/branch offices: **Higashi Sendai, Sanezawa, Kasuminome, Shirasawa**

* Hours vary for the temporary ticket offices at Tozai Line stations (until Dec. 6).

What You'll Need...

(1) If you do not already have a school commuter pass, you will need:

- a. A Student Commuter Certificate (*Tsugaku Shomeisho*) from your school
- b. The icsca school commuter pass application form (*icsca Tsugaku Teikiken Konyu Moshikomisho*), with the necessary items filled out

(2) If you already have a school commuter pass, you will need:

- a. Your old pass (current Free Pass, school commuter pass, etc.)
- b. Student ID card or passbook (Student Commuter Certificate not required)
- c. The icsca school commuter pass application form, with the necessary items filled out

The icsca school commuter pass application form is available at commuter pass sales counters. It can also be downloaded from the Transportation Bureau website(Japanese only). If you download and fill out the form in advance, your application will go more smoothly.

-If you currently hold a valid magnetic or paper Free Pass card, you can continue using it.

Refunds

If you already have a Free Pass, commuter pass etc. it can be returned for a special refund (*tokurei haraimodoshi*). The amount of the special refund will be calculated per day, which is more advantageous than a regular refund, and there will be no handling fee. The special refund will be available until January 5 (Tue.), 2016. To apply, please bring your new icsca Free Pass to the office counter. The refund cannot be issued at City Bus offices/branch offices.

Ex. You have a City Bus Free Pass good for 11/20-2/19 (3 months, JPY 15,420). On 11/29, you buy a new icsca City Bus/Tozai Line Free Pass, effective from 12/6 when the Tozai Line opens. You exchange your old Free Pass for a refund on 12/12.

Days applicable for refund...70 days from 12/12 to 2/19 (expiration date of the old pass)

⇒JPY 15,420 (cost of pass) ÷ 90 days (duration of pass) x 70 days (remaining) = JPY 11,990

Availability

Nov. 22

See the "Commuter Pass Pre-sales Counter Notice" on the Transportation Bureau website (Japanese only) for business hours. ★The ticket offices are expected to be very crowded from Dec. 6 onward. We recommend that you buy your commuter pass in advance.

Inquiries: Sendai City Transportation Bureau Information Center, Tel. 022-222-2256

Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-18:30, Weekends/Holidays 8:30-17:00

Commuter Pass Pre-sale Locations

Free Passes for use on the Tozai Line (opening Dec. 6) will be available for purchase starting Nov. 22

- Start of sales: Nov. 22 (Sun.), 2015
- Sales locations/business hours: See below (shown for 11/22-12/6 only)
- Types available: Free Pass, City Bus Commuter Pass, Subway (Nanboku and Tozai Lines) Commuter Pass, Bus/Subway Commuter Pass, etc.

Passes valid from Dec. 6 to 20 will go on sale as per the below schedule.

*Passes for the subway/Miyagi Transportation buses and City Bus/Miyagi Transportation will go on sale 14 days in advance.

Sales Locations				Hours (Key)	11/22 (Sun.)	11/23 (Holiday)	11/24 (Tue.) - 11/27 (Fri.)	11/28 (Sat.)	11/29 (Sun.)	11/30 (Mon.) - 12/4 (Fri.)	12/5 (Sat.)	12/6 (Sun.)
Ticket Offices	Subway Stations	Nanboku	Izumi Chuo	○ 9:00-17:00 ● 8:00-19:00 × Closed	○	×	●	○	○	●	○	○
			Kotodai Koen	○ 9:00-17:00 ● 8:30-18:30 × Closed	×	×	●	×	×	●	○	○
			Sendai	○ 9:00-17:00 ● 7:30-19:30	○	○	●	○	○	●	○	○
			Nagamachi Minami	○ 9:00-17:00 ● 8:30-18:30 × Closed	×	×	●	○	×	●	○	○
		Tozai	Yagiyama	○ 9:00-17:00 × Closed	○	○	×	○	○	×	○	○
			Yakushido									
			Arai									
	Asahigaoka Bus Terminal			○ 9:00-17:00 ● 8:30-18:30 × Closed	×	×	●	○	×	●	○	○
	Transportation Bureau (1F)			● 8:30-17:00 × Closed	×	×	●	×	×	●	×	×

Commuter passes issued on or after Dec. 6 will be icsca IC cards.



*Ticket offices at Tozai Line stations will be open from Nov. 22, but the subway will not yet be running. No parking is available at these locations.

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City Bus Offices etc.	Higashi Sendai	○ 8:30–17:00 ● 8:30–19:00 × Closed	○	×	●	●	○	●	●	○
	Kasuminome									
	Sanezawa									
	Shirasawa									

Sales locations will be very crowded from Dec. 6! Buy your pass on one of the pre-sale days.

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