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MCT PROVIDING FREE RIDES TO GRANITE CITY STUDENTS
*MCT Board of Trustees is extending GCSD students free rides while the district
resolves bus driver shortage issues*

PONTOON BEACH, IL., Aug. 31, 2021... In response to Granite City Community Unit School District's school bus driver shortage and lack of capacity to transport students in grades 5th -12th to school, Madison County Transit District Board of Trustees is providing free rides to Granite City School District students on MCT buses effective immediately and through September 30, 2021.

Students boarding an MCT bus will need to show the driver one of the following: a GCSD9 student ID, a school schedule from the skyward app, or a GCSD9 assigned Chromebook with label.

MCT routes serving Coolidge Junior High, Grigsby Intermediate School, and Granite City High School include:

- #2 Granite City Shuttle
- #4 Madison-Edwardsville
- #20 Granite City-Pontoon Beach Shuttle

Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 137 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region's FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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