



The Skillman Foundation Presents

# YAKTIVITIES FOR HELPING KIDS

## Detroit Department of Transportation

With New Attitude & Services, DDOT Helps Students & Families

The Detroit Department of Transportation is starting the school year with a new attitude and new services to help students and their families.

New features include more than 30 new locations to buy bus passes, new money-saving fare cards and new, bold, color-coded bus signs!

With gas prices at record levels, DDOT is an economical way for students to get to school and everywhere else they need to go, without breaking the bank.

DDOT offers safe, clean and reliable transportation, giving riders what they need, when they need it.

DDOT's new services have been added to save you time and money so you have more time and more money to do the things you really like to do.

### Did You Know...

- You now can buy DDOT GoPasses or the Regional Pass at 33 CVS Pharmacy stores, along with 50 other convenient locations in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Eastpointe and Harper Woods.
- Easy-to-read, color-coded bus stop signs and schedules have been installed to make trip planning simple.
- Five express service routes help cut down the time spent traveling to and from school.
- The Five Day Pass and \$10 Value Cards offer two practical fare options for parents.



**DDOT helps students get wherever they want to go — from museums to sporting events to the Detroit Public Library!**

### Don't Disrespect Your Ride!

DDOT provides a wide range of services to help people get around. In return, riders have a responsibility to do their part to keep DDOT safe, clean and comfortable.

Please obey City Codes and DDOT Policies:

1. No smoking.
2. No eating or drinking.
3. Headphones are required when using radios or other electronic devices.
4. No cursing or disorderly conduct.
5. Speak quietly when talking to other passengers and use cell phones only when absolutely necessary.
6. No obscene ring tones — use the cell phone vibrate feature during your trip.
7. Do not leave litter or trash on the bus.
8. Do not vandalize buses; violators will be prosecuted.

### Listen to a Student's Perspective on DDOT

DDOT can give you a lot more than a ride. Here's what Julian Pettus, an eighth grader at Detroit Waldorf School, has to say about the experience of riding DDOT buses:

"When I'm on the bus, I have wonderful experiences with lots of people. For example, the bus drivers are very friendly and open with me, and there is even this old lady that takes the same bus route as I do, whom I love having conversations with.

"She tells me every time she sees me that I remind her of her son.

"Once, there was a religious man whom I had a good conversation with about the virtues of not sinning and the responsibilities we have to forgive those who sin.

"I see many cool things during the bus rides, such as fancy houses and tricked-out cars! People on the bus always compliment me on my dreadlocks and ask me how long I have had them.

"I used to be nervous to get on the bus, but I'm not any more. I find my bus riding experiences very positive!"



**Eighth grader Julian Pettus always enjoys the people he meets riding DDOT buses.**

## THINK ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation like that provided by the Detroit Department of Transportation helps students get to school, their parents get to work and everyone get where they want to go. Public transportation also reduces traffic jams and eliminates some of the the air pollution that causes global warming. With family and friends, discuss the ways public transportation helps make a city a cleaner and easier place to get around. Then brainstorm a list of places and attractions you would like to visit in the city by using public transportation instead of cars. Plan outings with family or friends to visit your top choices.