



MAP ACADEMY

## 2024-2025 Uber Transportation Policy

### Goals

In alignment with the Map Academy mission and charter, the Uber Transportation Policy at Map Academy:

- Provides eligible students with transportation in order to access their education and physically attend school.
- Encourages and promotes students to improve skills related to self advocacy, executive functioning, time management, communication, and independence.

### Approval

Members of the Map Academy Leadership Team, consisting of Co-Directors, Assistant Directors, the Special Education Coordinator, and/or their designee(s), are able to order Uber rides via the Map Academy Uber for Business platform for students who meet eligibility criteria and comply with all expectations outlined in this policy.

### Eligibility

- Age Requirement: Students must be at least 18 years old in order to access Uber through Map Academy.
- Students must be riding to school from their documented address or returning to their documented address from school while accessing Uber through Map Academy.
- A known work address is acceptable if the student has demonstrated work history via pay stubs for work study.
- Under certain circumstances, students may be approved to Uber to/from school and an approved destination such as a court, medical or counseling appointment.
- **Students for whom transportation is already provided via school buses or the GATRA bus will not be allowed to utilize Uber unless they are within six core credits of graduating or if extenuating circumstances require them to access Evening Studio in order to make academic progress.**
- Inclement weather, early dismissals, or other changes to the daily schedule will result in no use of Uber aside from extenuating circumstances.

### Expectations

- **No Ubers will be ordered between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.** School day Ubers must be utilized prior to 9:30 am. Ubers for Evening Studio must be utilized beginning at 3:00 pm for arrival at school no later than 4:00 pm.

- **Students must attend for at least 3.5 hours to receive an Uber** to and from their destination unless there is an extenuating circumstance that requires leadership approval.
- Students are expected to use their time productively while at school. In cases of repeated lack of academic productivity and/or disruptions to the school environment, Uber use will be restricted.
- Students are expected to recognize that use of school-funded Ubers is a privilege and that Ubers are not an unlimited resource. Students are expected to combine their use of Uber with other available transportation options when possible.
- Students are expected to plan ahead and request Ubers in a timely manner, consistent with the timeline outlined above.
- **If an Uber is called for a student and they miss their ride, resulting in a cancellation fee, another Uber will not be called that day.**

### **Loss of Privilege**

- Accessing Uber as a form of transportation through Map Academy Charter School is a privilege and can be revoked at any time for any reason deemed appropriate by the Leadership Team.
- **Uber usage will be reviewed monthly, along with student progress and conduct. Students who are found to be misusing school-funded Ubers will have their privilege revoked.**

### **Adjustments**

- The Leadership Team reserves the right to make changes to this policy with or without notice and/or on a case-by-case basis.

### **Student acknowledgement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand the Uber transportation policy for the 2024-2025 school year as described above.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_