

Dear Wesleyan Families,

The following email was shared with the student community from Jen Kleindienst, Sustainability Director

## Free Bus Service in Middletown

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To: All Students on campus



Dear Students,

The new Wesleyan WesPass provides free rides on all [Middletown Area Transit \(MAT\)](#) and [9-Town Transit](#) buses, simply by showing your Wesleyan ID card. Middletown Area Transit connects distant parts of Middletown, providing affordable access to grocery, shopping, and medical destinations. MAT buses also connect to recreational and shopping opportunities in neighboring towns, and to the train station in Meriden with connections to New Haven, Hartford, Bradley Airport, and beyond.

Several MAT buses can be picked up on the corner of William/High Streets; others are accessible a short walk away at the downtown bus terminal (340 Main St.). 9-Town Transit buses connect Middletown to Connecticut's shoreline and can be picked up at the same downtown bus terminal.

Some top destinations include:

- Price Chopper via MAT Route 583
- Saybrook Rd. medical offices via MAT Route 581
- Meriden train station via MAT Route 590
- Clinton Crossing Outlets via 9-Town Transit Route 645
- For a full list of destinations you can reach with your WesPass, view this handy poster: [bit.ly/wespassposter](http://bit.ly/wespassposter)

For more information on routes and schedules:

- MAT route map and link to bus schedules: <https://www.middletownareatransit.org/>
- 9-Town Transit buses: <http://estuarytransit.org/>
  - Route 644 connects Middletown to Old Saybrook, where you can get on an Amtrak or Shoreline East train
  - Route 645 connects Middletown to Haddam, Killingworth, Clinton, and Madison (home to Hammonasset State Park)

- Connecting to other transit from Meriden Train Station (note: non-MAT transit is not part of the WesPass program)
  - Hartford Line Train: <https://www.hartfordline.com/> (MAT 590 bus from Wesleyan to Meriden Train Station, where you can head north to Hartford/Springfield, MA or south to New Haven)
  - Bradley Flyer: <https://www.cttransit.com/services/bradley-flyer> (from Meriden Train Station, take Hartford Line north to Hartford, where you can board the Bradley Flyer to get to Bradley Airport)

The WesPass pilot program, funded through the Finance Office, Allbritton Center, and Sustainability Office, is expected to continue in Spring 2022, after which time we will determine a sustainable long-term plan for the WesPass program. The Sustainability Office welcomes student feedback on this program to inform its future at [sustainability@wesleyan.edu](mailto:sustainability@wesleyan.edu) or by filling out this [feedback form](#) (click on the arrow at the bottom of the page to access the questions if it doesn't connect to them directly ).

Sincerely,

Jen Kleindienst, Sustainability Director