



# TRANSPORTATION

## New Castle County Vo-Tech School District

The Transportation Office welcomes you and your student to the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District. The information provided below will help answer some of the more common questions that new and prospective parents/guardians may have in regards to transportation for students attending our schools. Additional transportation information is available on the Transportation link on the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District web page @ <http://nccvotech.com>. Please contact the Transportation Office at 302-994-8544 if you have any additional questions.

### Does the NCCVTSD provide school bus transportation for students?

Yes. All students who live within any New Castle County school district boundaries will be transported free of charge to their assigned school on buses provided by the NCCVTSD. Our school district contracts with school bus service providers that operate 115 buses and transport over 4,000 students each school day. "Afterschool" and "Sports/Activity" routes also run after the regular school day.

### Do you have "Hub" stops or stops within our community?

Our stops are located within your community. We do not use "Hub" style stops for our morning or regular afternoon 2:59 p.m. dismissal routes. For the "4:15 p.m. Afterschool Extra Help" and "6:00 p.m. Sports/Activity" runs we do use "Hub" style stops.

### How far may a child be asked to walk to a school bus stop?

In general, our goal is to have the stop within 1500 feet of the home. There are some locations where stops may be longer distances from the home due to street access, or due to the need to keep the overall ride time reasonable for those students who are picked up first or dropped off last on the route. Please know that we design school bus routes to be safe, timely, and convenient for the majority of students.

### How long may a child be required to ride on a bus?

It all depends on the proximity of your home to your selected school. A good rule of thumb is, "Determine the time that it takes you to get from your home to the school during rush hour traffic in your personal vehicle, and then double it." Since we cover the entirety of New Castle County, we have routes that tend to be longer than your local school district.

### My student has a physical disability. Do you provide bus service for students with a wheelchair, crutches, or walker?

Yes. NCCVTSD has buses assigned to each school that are equipped with lifts and special seating accommodations. Please contact the Guidance Office at your assigned school if you require a "lift" style bus.

### Where will my bus stop be?

Bus stops are centrally located for all of the students who live in your community and go to the same assigned school. Stops are assigned to intersections within your community where students can safely load and unload from the bus. In order to keep routes as short as possible and to ensure that buses are able to maneuver, bus stops are more likely to be placed on throughway streets in the community.

### Which bus do I ride and what's my stop time?

The Transportation Office will not know for sure until mid-August. With the exit of graduating seniors, the addition of all new students, and the changes of addresses for current students, this information is constantly changing throughout the summer. We will mail postcards to families about a week and a half before school begins with bus stop and pick-up time information.

### Do you have bad weather bus stops?

No. Stops will remain the same. If it's unsafe for the bus to travel into your community or if it is unsafe for your student to walk to the stop, the NCC Vo-Tech School District Superintendent will make the determination to call a weather related cancelation.

### Do you provide afterschool transportation for extra help and sports practices?

Yes, the NCCVTSD provides afterschool activity buses as a courtesy to our families. These buses are intended to transport your student closer to home to make it more convenient for parent/guardian pick-up. **The stops are not designed or intended for students to walk home from the drop off location.** "Afterschool Activity Stops" are hub style stops where parents and guardians can conveniently park, and are usually located at convenience style stores and shopping centers. Please refer to the Transportation link on the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District web page @ <http://nccvotech.com> to view the specific "Activity Bus" route schedules for your assigned school.

### Are there non-transportation zones around schools?

Yes. Following State law, each public school has designated non-transportation zones. This zone can be up to 2 miles from the school. We will notify you if you reside in one of these zones. If you are unsure and think that you may be in a non-transportation zone, please contact the Transportation Office, and we can determine if you are within the zone. (302-994-8544)

### Can my student have a pick-up location that is different from a drop-off location?

No. According to State law, each student eligible for transportation is permitted one seat on a bus for the same pick-up and drop-off location. Special needs requirements and requests are exempt from this. In shared custody situations, please contact the Guidance Office at your assigned school.

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