

The Guilford County Schools (GCS) Transportation Department assigns how students enrolled in GCS Choice Programs will be transported to and from school. Families should be prepared to be assigned to any of the following options.



Regular Bus

Transportation

Students are assigned to bus stops based on where they live, and the bus will take them directly to and from school.

Notes:

The Transportation Department uses yellow buses and other companies to give students rides to school. GCS cannot arrange for a bus to stop at different places on different days or for special reasons. Families also have the option to transport students to school on their own.

Students with an IEP – EC Special Transportation receive services to their homeschool. They may not receive EC Special Transportation services to their choice school.



Choice Shuttle Bus

Transportation

Students are assigned to bus stops and shuttle points based on where they live. In the morning, they ride the bus to a shuttle (transfer) point, then switch to the bus that takes them to their school. In the afternoon, students ride a bus to a shuttle point and switch to the bus that will take them home.

Transportation employees work at shuttle points to help students find the right bus.

The current shuttle point locations are Andrews, Dudley, Page, Smith and Western High Schools.

Families can drop off or pick up their students at shuttle locations.

Note: Choice bus routes take longer because students live in a larger area. The ride can be between 90 and 150 minutes each way.



Community/Express

Bus Stop Locations

Students are assigned to community/express bus stops based on where they live. Families transport students to the bus stop location, and from there, students will get on a bus to their school.

Community and/or express bus stops are usually located at GCS properties but could be elsewhere.

Transportation Staff do not supervise community/express bus stops. Families should arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled bus stop time. If a student comes after the bus has departed, the family must take the student to school.

There is a ten-minute arrival window (each way) based on the scheduled stop time.



Attendance Zone/

Base School Shuttle Bus Transportation

Students are assigned bus stops in their neighborhoods. They are transported to their attendance zone/base schools (middle or high), where Transportation Department staff help them transfer to the bus that will take them to their Choice school.



Public

Transportation

GCS is proud to partner with the Greensboro Transit Authority and High Point Transit to provide services for interested families. GCS students can ride free on school days only if they present and scan their One Card when boarding. For more information on the Greensboro Transit Authority, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/transit/welcome-gcs-students. For High Point Transit, visit www.highpointnc.gov/transit.

Families may choose this option at their discretion.



Non-Transport

Zones (Transportation Not Provided)

Non-transport zones are sometimes called “walk zones.”

According to North Carolina State law, the Transportation Department can decide not to provide transportation within one-half miles of a school based on walkability and cost. No transportation is provided in that area, no matter the student’s age or grade.