CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Requesting transportation for the 2026-2027 school year

- Requests for newly enrolled students, including kindergarten students, have been completed during the enrollment process; therefore, no further action is required.
- If you have moved to a different address, attending a new school, or if your child did not ride a bus last school year and bus transportation is needed for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact your child's school and request transportation and make sure your address is up to date.
- The deadline to enroll or request bus transportation is as follows:

Deadline	Calendar Schedule
7/7/2026 by 5PM	Year-Round Students
7/30/2026 by 5PM	Early College Students
8/13/2026 by 5PM	Traditional Calendar Students and Cumberland Polytechnic High School

- Families that have access to the Here Comes the Bus app and have either requested transportation or were already assigned transportation last school year will be able to see their child's transportation information in the app starting **August 18, 2026**.
- The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Please visit the Cumberland County Schools Transportation page at https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/o/ccs/page/transportation for information on how to utilize the Here Comes the Bus app.

Back-to-School Bus Safety Tips for Bus Riders:

1. Be at your assigned bus stop at least 10 minutes before your pick-up time.
2. Stand back from the street.
3. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, red lights flashing and a stop sign is out before approaching the bus.
4. Take your assigned seat on the bus in a single-file line.
5. Be careful while crossing the street.

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Back-to-School Bus Safety Tips for Families:

1. **Be Ready for Delays**
    1. Traditional schools in Cumberland County resume on Monday, August 24, 2026. Expect delays as school buses "the roads" and children are out in the early morning and afternoon hours. Be reminded that drivers and students are learning new bus routes and stops.
2. **Unauthorized Individuals are NOT Allowed in School Buses**
    1. Only authorized school personnel and students are allowed on school buses. Unauthorized individuals may face criminal charges for trespassing or obstructing the operation of a school bus.
3. **Follow School Zone and Bus Rules**
    1. When approaching a school zone or school bus, be ready to stop for bus and pedestrian traffic. Passing a stopped school bus with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign is illegal. Yellow flashing lights signal motorists to slow down, while red flashing lights instruct motorists to stop.
4. **Plan Ahead and Exercise Caution**
    1. Plan ahead and be extra cautious. Traffic will be heavier in school zones, especially with many students walking or riding bicycles to school. Slow down and increase your stopping distances. If possible, leave earlier than usual to avoid stressful traffic delays.
5. **Be Careful While Crossing the Street**
    1. Parents/ guardians and students, let's remember about School Bus Safety and look both ways before crossing the street!
6. **Be Patient and Stay Alert**
    1. Please be patient and stay alert. Our goal is to ensure everyone has a safe and excellent school year! Stay safe and remember, safety first!

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