

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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2016-2017 School Transportation Information

- Bus stop locations and times will be available through the PowerSchool parent portal at: <https://powerschool.northbranfordschools.org/public/home.html>. Please see your child's school website for information about logging in.
- School bus transportation is provided by DATTCO, who can be contacted at 203-466-1244.

School Bus Transportation Rules and Regulations

Bus routes and assignments of pupils to stops are made by the bus contractor in accordance with Board guidelines and are reviewed annually and subject to change. We may need to modify stop times during the school year to accommodate actual route times. During the first several weeks of school, routes and times are often adjusted to assure timely arrival at school. Pupils will be picked up and discharged only at designated stops.

Requests to change the location of a bus stop will only be considered for legitimate safety reasons. These requests are reviewed by the bus contractor and members of the Central Office administrative staff. The bus contractor will inform the parent or guardian making the request of any approved changes. Please remember that the bus driver does not have the authority to change stops.

Bus stops will not be changed for any of the following reasons:

- the stop used to be somewhere else;
- the stop cannot be seen from the home;
- other young children are at home and cannot be left alone;
or
- the bus goes by my house anyway.

The following also apply:

- Regular buses do not pick up or drop off students on private roads or cul-de-sacs.
- While we attempt to run AM and PM routes so children with a longer AM ride will have a shorter PM ride and vice versa, this is not always practical.
- Requests for transportation on an alternate bus or to or from a different stop will only be considered if the request is permanent in nature - the same pick up and/or drop off point each day. All requests must be in writing and are subject to the approval of the school administration based upon available space on the route requested. Requests will take 5-10 school days to become effective.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of their child on the way to and from as well as at the bus stop.
- Children should arrive at bus stops approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
- Parents who meet the school bus should wait on the side of the street where the bus stops. Otherwise, children are tempted to rush across the street regardless of traffic.
- Kindergarten children will not be dropped off without a responsible adult to meet them. They will be returned to Jerome Harrison School or another safe location to await parents.
- An activity bus is run for NBIS and NBHS students. This bus has limited drop-off locations, determined by the driver.
- A trial run for grades K-5 will be held the morning of Thursday, August 25th.

Regular School Hours			
School	Grade	Start	Dismissal
Jerome Harrison	K, 1, 2	9:00 a.m.	3:25 p.m.
Totoket Valley Elementary	3, 4, 5	8:20 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
North Branford Intermediate	6, 7, 8	7:40 a.m.	2:05 p.m.
North Branford High School	9, 10, 11, 12	7:30 a.m.	1:57 p.m.

The first day of school is August 29, 2016. It is a full day.