



Greater Hartford
Regional School Choice Office (RSCO)
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2011-2012

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THE GREATER HARTFORD TRANSPORTATION ZONE

The Transportation Zone was adopted by the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) which identifies the established borders for those towns that are eligible to receive transportation for the Regional Choice Program.

The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO), a collaboration of the State Department of Education (SDE), the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) and the Hartford Public Schools (HPS), operates the regional transportation system that serves the Greater Hartford region school choice programs: Open Choice, Inter-district Magnet Schools, select CT State Technical High Schools, Suffield Agricultural Center and the CT River Academy at Goodwin College. The regional transportation system offers a variety of transportation options including traditional school bus transport, vans, public bus passes, and parent stipends, where appropriate.

Our goal is to make transportation services a safe, efficient, and comfortable experience for all students. In the 2010-2011 school year, we served 7,000 students to more than 140 schools in 42 towns with reputable bus companies.

The CREC Transportation Office's friendly staff is available to assist parents with concerns and to help acclimate students and their families to the transportation process. The regional transportation call center operates during the hours of 6 am-6 pm.

Andover	Ellington	Hebron	Somers
Avon	Enfield	Manchester	South Windsor
Berlin	East Granby	Marlborough	Southington
Bloomfield	East Hampton	Middletown	Suffield
Bolton	East Windsor	New Britain	Tolland
Bristol	Farmington	New Hartford	Vernon
Burlington	Glastonbury	Newington	West Hartford
Canton	Granby	Plainville	Wethersfield
Coventry	Hartford	Portland	Windsor
Cromwell	Hartland	Rocky Hill	Windsor Locks
East Hartford	Harwinton	Simsbury	



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office (RSCO), a collaboration of the State Department of Education (SDE), the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) and the Hartford Public Schools (HPS), operates the regional transportation system that serves the school choice programs in the Greater Hartford region. The regional transportation system offers a variety of transportation options including traditional school bus transport, vans, public bus passes, and parent stipends, where appropriate.

Do I have to pay for transportation services?

There is no charge to families of eligible students.

Which students are eligible to receive transportation services?

Generally, interdistrict transportation is available during regular school hours for grades K–12 students in the Greater Hartford region who:

- Reside in towns included in the RSCO Transportation Zone and
- Attend out-of-district programs offered through RSCO (the Open Choice program, interdistrict magnet schools, Connecticut Technical High Schools (CTHS), and the Suffield Regional Agriscience Center).

Please see the RSCO Transportation Zone Map located on the previous page for specific towns located within the zone.

If a student does not live within the Transportation Zone, what options are available?

If a student lives outside of the Transportation Zone, two options are available to families and/or guardians:

- Families and/or guardians may make arrangements to transport the student to the closest available bus stop located within the Transportation Zone or;
- Transport the student themselves to school and request a stipend from the CREC Transportation Office. The stipend will be paid at the end of the school year based on your child's school attendance.

If my student attends a school choice program located in the district where he/she lives, who provides the transportation?

The district in which your child lives will provide in-district transportation. You should contact your local Board of Education for specific information on the school district's transportation policies.

Are transportation services provided for extra curricular activities or events after school hours?

When a late bus is not provided, parents and/or guardians are responsible for transporting students to and from extracurricular activities and after school events.

If I have more detailed questions about my child's transportation, whom should I contact?

The RSCO has contracted with CREC to operate the regional transportation system. Please direct all questions concerning transportation services to the CREC Transportation Office. The CREC Transportation Office operates a call center during the hours of 6:00 am – 6:00 pm which provides you with information and answers questions about your child's transportation. You can reach a call center customer service person by calling 860.524.4077 or you can send an email to transportation@crec.org. The RSCO website, www.choiceeducation.org/transportation, may also help answer questions you have about transportation services for eligible students. Also note that CREC transportation staff will be present at RSCO Recruitment Fairs in order to answer parents'/guardians' questions about transportation services.

If my student is eligible for transportation, how will I know what the transportation arrangements will be?

If your student is accepted, enrolls in one of the RSCO interdistrict programs, and is eligible for transportation, you will receive notification from the CREC Transportation Office prior to the start of school. Such notification will include information about bus times and stop locations. Please note, in certain instances, in an effort to reduce the length of student bus ride times, stops may be at central locations. If you have questions concerning bus times, stop locations, changes of address or any other transportation issue please contact the CREC Transportation Office at 860.524.4077 directly. Please do not direct transportation questions to your student's school, because the school is not responsible for coordinating and arranging transportation services.



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