



Consolidated Bus Stops 2020-2021

What is a consolidated bus stop?

- A consolidated bus stop is a centralized stop that is designed to reduce the ride time to and from school.
- Sign up and use of these bus stop locations are strictly voluntary for CMS students. Once a commitment is made to use the stop, both morning and afternoon, then the bus stop based on the residence address is eliminated. The consolidated stop will be the only stop assigned to that student.

Who is eligible to use a consolidated stop?

- Only students who are eligible for transportation may use a consolidated bus stop.
- The consolidated stop location must be within the attendance boundary or transportation zone for their assigned school.



How do I begin?

- Principals, AP's, or parent advocates should poll for interested families.
- Schools should request a list of the projected students that will be enrolled for the 2020-21 school year.
- Select one or more parent volunteers to assist in advocating the consolidated stop process.
- There must be at least 7 or more students from families interested in a consolidated stop. If the number of students drops below 7, transportation reserves the right to remove the consolidated stop.
- Once you have secured the names of the students, have the Principal or AP email the student's names and ID's to their Routing Tech.

Consolidated stop criteria for new locations

- Permission from the owner of the establishment or stop location must be obtained (if private property) and a copy of the letter given to the CMS Transportation Department.
- Parking location cannot be congested during the hours of 7:00– 9:00 am and 3:00– 5:00 pm.
- Adequate parking for parents with a minimum of 10-15 parking spaces must be available.
- Must be able to accommodate a vehicle the size of a school bus.
- Must be accessible from a main road or a main neighborhood street.
- Must be approved by CMS Transportation for use and compliance.

Additional information?

- If a child is currently assigned to a consolidated stop, **they must sign up each year**. It is not carried over from year to year.
- Prior to the start of school, ***DO NOT*** have parents go on line to request an “Alternate Stop Request” for a consolidated stop. Follow the process contained in slide four (How do I begin?).
- Once school has *started* for the 2020-21 school year, parents may go on line to request an “alternate stop” for an existing consolidated stop.
- **Consolidated stops requested after the June 14th deadline will still be processed but are not likely to begin at the start of school.**

Parental commitment to consolidated bus stops

- Only students that are “eligible” for transportation will be assigned to a consolidated stop.
- *Students will be assigned a stop morning, afternoon, or both whichever is indicated by the parent.*
- The student’s residence stop will be eliminated.
- If a parent desires to return to their residence stop or requires an alternate stop location, a Transportation Service Request form must be submitted on line at www.cms.k12.nc.us using the Transportation Services Request form link (The link is located on the transportation home page).

Consolidated stops timeline

- Recommend that information be distributed to the parents by May 2020.
- Deadline for requesting a consolidated stop for the 1st day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is June 14th, 2020.
- Transportation always reserves the right to refuse a consolidated stop.
- Transportation rules may change as the Board of Education makes decisions regarding Transportation.



Examples of Consolidated Stops

(Stops listed *may not* be an eligible location for 2020-21)

ROYAL CINEMAS STONCREST

PLEASANT GROVE UMC

GREENHEATHER DR @ CLUBHOUSE

PARK & RIDE @ CARMEL & QUAIL HOLLOW

MONROE RD @ CROWN POINT CINEMAS

4921 RANDOLPH RD @ PROVIDENCE BAPT CHURCH

PARK CROSSING DR & PENSHURST TRACE



Questions? Need more information?

- Additional information about consolidated stops may be obtained by contacting your school's Routing Technician at (980) 343-6715.
- You can also schedule a meeting with the above mentioned person at The Atrium 4335 Stuart Andrew Blvd.