

Transportation Plan

Wake County Smart Start (WCSS) contracting agency will follow the guidelines that address transportation to and from NC Pre-K sites for all children. The plan is implemented in two phases (1) contracting and partnering agencies and (2) NC Pre-K sites.

Phase I

WCSS along with partnering agencies (Wake County Public School and Telamon Head Start) will assign children to programs that are within a 10-mile radius of their homes or to their base schools, when feasible, to alleviate traveling long distances to programs and lessen barriers for attendance.

Phase II

NC Pre-K programs will consider various sources of transportation methods that may include the following:

- Public School Bus
- Public transportation
- Program Transportation
- Private Transportation
- Program Family Carpool
- Other

Families will be encouraged to work with site administrators to find appropriate means of transportation. If necessary, families with children participating in transportation services for NC Pre-K may be charged a nominal transportation fee to/from the NC Pre-K site. The cost of service will be submitted for approval to the NC Pre-K Committee.

Programs that provide transportation will adhere to the NC Child Care Licensing Requirements for childcare settings and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requirements for public school settings, developed jointly between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction.