

Post-16 student transport policy

If you are applying to a college or school sixth form to continue your education post 16 you may be eligible for help with your transport.

This provision seeks to give choice and control to students and families, enabling flexible transport options during this time of uncertainty with social distancing requirements and as yet unclear college attendance times.

Courses covered

The course of study must be a further education course at a publicly funded institution. Students attending work based learning programmes must apply to their employer for transport support.

School/College attended

It is possible for nearly all students who live in North Lincolnshire to pursue their intended career path by attending a course at a college or school sixth form in North Lincolnshire.

The council's policy is therefore not to provide transport support for attending a course outside North Lincolnshire apart from in the following exceptional circumstance:

- If the course is unavailable in North Lincolnshire and is essential to the student's career progression. If there is a course in North Lincolnshire (which may not be exactly the same as the student's preferred course elsewhere) that provides the student with the same opportunity to follow a higher education course or entry criteria for their chosen career, transport support will not be provided to the course elsewhere.

The distance from home to the out-of-area college should be no more than 25 miles (except for students with learning difficulties and disabilities whose placement has been agreed by the council, and it is the nearest suitable course).

If the college you are proposing to attend provides its own transport that it is reasonable for students living in North Lincolnshire to use, you will not be eligible to receive any support from North Lincolnshire Council.

Personal Eligibility

- a) Residence

You must be living in North Lincolnshire when you are enrolled on the course. Anyone who moves to North Lincolnshire for the purpose of receiving full-time education may not be eligible for support from North Lincolnshire Council.

b) Three Year Limit

Unless you have special educational needs or disabilities and are eligible for support under the post 16 SEND student transport policy, we will only give support for a maximum of three years.

c) Age

You must be under 19 on 31st August before the start of your course.

d) Distance

You must live more than three miles walking distance from the school sixth form or college.

Transport support awarded

You will receive a travel grant of £315 for an academic year, paid termly at a rate of £105 per term by North Lincolnshire Council to the college or sixth form where you study. The grant can be used for any transport option, but preferably will be used for public transport. The colleges will also contribute £35 per student per term and the parent £30 per student per term towards their travel.

If you are staying on at your school into the sixth form, please contact your school for further information.

If a grant is approved for study outside North Lincolnshire it will be paid directly to you by the council.

How to apply

To apply for the grant you should contact the college or sixth form you will be studying at.

To apply for support to travel outside North Lincolnshire, please contact the School Transport Office by calling 01724 297218 or emailing school.transport@northlincs.gov.uk

Raising a concern

Any person wishing to make a formal complaint, or appeal a decision on transport should contact the School Transport Office by calling 01724 297218 or emailing school.transport@northlincs.gov.uk