

FREE GUIDE

# School Relocation Checklist

Triad • High Country • Triangle

A Step-by-Step Guide for Families Moving to NC

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## STEP 1: DEFINE YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

### Write this down before you start scrolling homes.

Having clarity on your family's needs FIRST prevents overwhelm and ensures you're comparing homes in the right areas from the start.

- Grades needed: Pre-K / Elementary / Middle / High
- School type: Public / Charter / Private / Not sure yet
- Top 3 must-haves (examples: strong arts, smaller setting, sports, advanced classes, special support)
- Support needs (if any): learning support, counseling, English language support
- Max drive to work: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- Max drive to school: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- Your "ideal daily life": walkable town? acreage? close to shopping? mountain views?

## STEP 2: VERIFY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT BY ADDRESS

### Important: In NC, school assignment is tied to the exact home address — not just the city.

Before you fall in love with a home, confirm the county and school district, the assigned schools (elementary, middle, high), and whether the school is zoned or requires an application/lottery. Boundaries and programs can change, so always verify with the district directly.

- Confirm the county and school district for each address you're considering
- Look up the assigned schools for the exact address (elementary, middle, high)
- Check whether the school is zoned or requires an application/lottery
- Verify directly with the district — boundaries can change

### STEP 3: COMPARE SCHOOLS FAIRLY

- School fit: Does it match your child's personality and needs?
- Programs: arts, sports, STEM, language, advanced options
- Support: counseling, learning support, IEP/504 process basics
- Daily schedule: start/end time, car line, after-school care
- Commute reality: drive time during real traffic hours

### STEP 4: TEST THE DAILY ROUTINE

- Drive from the neighborhood to school drop-off area (morning)
- Drive from the neighborhood to your work route (rush hour)
- Drive to grocery stores + medical offices
- Visit the area twice: weekday afternoon + weekend morning
- Check parks, library, rec center, coffee shops
- Research youth sports, dance/gymnastics, community activities
- Ask about after-school care early – waitlists can be long

### STEP 5: LOCAL TIPS BY REGION

#### Triad (Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point)

Choices can be wide, but so can traffic – commute time is a big deal. Some areas grow fast – verify school assignment for the exact address.

#### High Country (Boone, Banner Elk, Beech Mountain)

Winter matters: driveway steepness + sun exposure + road access can affect daily life. A "short distance" can take longer on mountain roads – test the commute.

#### Wilkes County (Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro)

Do you want close-to-everything convenience or more space with a longer drive? Confirm bus routes and after-school options, especially in more rural areas.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK EACH SCHOOL

- What do families love most about this school?
- How do you support students who are new to the area?
- What does communication look like with teachers and parents?
- What are your before/after school care options — and are there waitlists?
- What advanced or enrichment options are available for this grade?
- If we move mid-year, what's the enrollment timeline and process?
- How does transportation work for our address?

## SCORE EACH AREA (1-10)

School fit for your child	/10
Commute to work	/10
Commute to school	/10
After-school care availability	/10
Community feel	/10
Daily convenience (errands, medical, activities)	/10
Budget comfort	/10
Long-term lifestyle match (next 3-5 years)	/10

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