



**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

## **NCAPCS Advocacy Day School FAQs (General)**

### **Q: Where can we park?**

A: According to the [North Carolina General Assembly \(NCGA\) website](#), public parking is available in three visitor's lots:

- **Visitor's Lot #1:** located at the corner of Jones Street and Wilmington Street. We recommend that you go here first since it is the closest to the legislative building.
- **Visitor's Lot #2:** located in the 300 block of North Salisbury Street and can also be accessed from the 300 block of North McDowell Street.
- **Visitors lot #3:** is located at the corner of Edenton and McDowell Streets.



Click the [interactive map](#) link to see the locations of each visitor parking lot in relation to Halifax Mall. Rates are charged by the hour and the parking lots are controlled by the State Parking Division (919) 807-4499.

### **Q: Should we bring chairs?**

A: We encourage you to bring a fold-up chair or an umbrella if you or someone you know needs one.

### **Q: Where is the first place we go upon arrival?**

A: Everyone needs to first visit the sign-in table near the entrance of Halifax Mall. Upon sign in, you will be given a sticker to wear to clearly indicate you are present for the Advocacy Day.

### **Q: Where are the restrooms?**

A: According to the [NCGA website](#), public restrooms are accessible inside the legislative building. Click [here](#) to see additional details regarding building accessibility.

### **Q: What do we wear?**

A: Please remember to wear either a white shirt or a shirt with your school logo on it. Upon arrival, you will be given a sticker that indicates you are here for the rally. The various school shirts with the same sticker sends the message that we are different schools united together to advocate for the cap to remain lifted.



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**Q: Can we just email you and let you all know that our school is coming?**

A: While you can email us, an email that says, for example, “Hey, I want to let you know that our school wants to participate in the Advocacy Day!” is not that helpful. There’s certain information in the school interest form we need to know to best serve you. Emailing us without completing the form will likely result in an email thread that becomes more time-consuming.

**Q: This event is public, and we are meeting outside. Why is an RSVP necessary?**

A: We ask for RSVPs in case we must move to an alternate site. If we need to move indoors due to unfavorable weather, for example, it will be helpful for us and facility management to know approximately how many people to accommodate. Also, we will be able to let you know in advance we are meeting somewhere else because you submitted your contact information via the school interest form!

**Q: Our school is not quite familiar with Raleigh, and we are bringing a large group of students with us. Where can we take our students to eat?**

A: The easiest place for to go is the [Legislative Building Cafeteria](#) in the basement of the State Legislative Building adjacent to Halifax Mall. The menu changes from day to day. [Click here to see the menu.](#)

**Q: What can we do between now and the Advocacy Day?**

A: There are quite a few things we encourage you to do!

- Spread the word about the Advocacy Day on your school’s website, social media page, or email signature with the hashtag #NoNewCap. Encourage others to submit a school interest form.
- [Donate](#) a small amount towards our travel aid fund. Our travel aid fund is used to subsidize transportation costs for schools that wish to participate in our Advocacy Day.
- Offer to volunteer at the sign-in table, pass out information, bring water and snacks, direct people where to meet their legislators. If interested in volunteering, email [josh@ncpubliccharters.org](mailto:josh@ncpubliccharters.org).

**Thank you for supporting North Carolina’s Charter Schools. We hope your school will join us!**

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