

High School Transportation Overview: 2023-2024

Sherman students of high school age enjoy a benefit relatively unique among Connecticut school Districts. Our Grade 9 to 12 students can choose from among four different high school options.

New Milford High School is the “designated” high school for Sherman students, meaning that the Sherman Board of Education has a longstanding contract with New Milford to provide a high school education to our students. However, our Board of Education provides other voluntary options for students who elect to make such a choice. Our students may attend (if accepted) two area comprehensive high schools, **New Fairfield High School or Shepaug Valley Regional High School**. In addition, Sherman students with highly specialized interests may attend (if accepted) two high schools offering vocational education. These include the **Agriscience Program at Shepaug Valley Regional High School** for students interested in a wide array of agricultural-related careers, and **Henry Abbott Technical High School** (Danbury) for those interested in a vocational education.

All of these high schools represent wonderful opportunities as our students seek to match themselves with the option best for them. However, such a wide range of options creates transportation challenges for our students and parents. High school students who live in Sherman and choose to ride the transportation provided must be up early in the morning in order to arrive at school on time. Please note that students who choose to participate in extracurricular activities are responsible for their own transportation to and from those events.

Details of the Basic Transportation System

New Milford High School - As Sherman’s “designated” high school, the agreement provides for buses from All-Star Transportation to travel around the town of Sherman and to make numerous pick-ups at identified bus stops. Specific information about these stops is published on the Sherman School website: [Click Here](#)

- *Outbound:* These buses arrive at The Sherman School at approximately 6:30 AM and depart at 6:35 AM, arriving at New Milford High School around 7:10 AM.
- *Inbound:* These buses depart NMHS at about 2:20 PM for the return trip to Sherman bus stops.

New Fairfield High School and Abbott Tech - As “choice” high schools, the logistics provide for transportation accommodations to these schools via a combination of First Student (pick-up and drop-off points are limited for these runs) and All-Star Transportation. First Student provides transportation for NFHS and HAT students in the morning, but only for NFHS in the afternoon; All-Star provides transportation for the afternoon run for HAT students.

- *Outbound:* There is only one official pick-up site, which is The Sherman School at **6:30 AM, which is five minutes earlier than in the past**. This change in departure time is partly in response to a change in start time at HAT. To arrive at the Sherman School by 6:30, students have two options: (1) either they can board a New Milford High School bus which will act as a shuttle to The Sherman School, or parents need to drop students off at The Sherman School. First Student also provides one single courtesy pick up stop along Route 39 on the way toward New Fairfield/Abbott Tech. Again this school year, the courtesy pick-up site is at Leach Hollow Road at **6:35 AM**.
- *Inbound:* The New Fairfield High School bus departs about 2:04 PM for the return trip to Sherman. For Abbott Tech, there is one bus dedicated for Sherman students which departs about 2:10 PM, travels through New Milford, and drops students back to their bus stops.

Shepaug High School - As a "choice" high school, the logistics provide for transportation accommodations via All-Star Transportation.

- *Outbound:* A dedicated Shepaug bus picks students up at The Sherman School at around **6:40 AM** and departs for a ride directly to Shepaug at 6:50 AM, with an arrival time of approximately 7:35 AM.
- *Inbound:* The Sherman bus departs Shepaug around **2:25 PM** for a return trip to The Sherman School, arriving at approximately 3:10 PM. Students then transfer to the Sherman buses and are returned to their bus stops.

Details for Variations Due to Weather Issues

If The Sherman School is Delayed, Closed or Dismissed Early (12:30) - When road conditions are such that school in Sherman is delayed, closed or dismissed early, then all transportation is correspondingly delayed, closed, or started early. If The Sherman School is closed for weather-related reasons, while any of our corresponding high schools are open, no transportation will be provided since it has been deemed that Sherman road conditions are unsafe to travel. In this case, if a student is late or absent due to lack of busing, any tardy or absence will be excused. If the reason for the Sherman closure is calendar related, (for example Election Day in Sherman), then bus transportation will be available. In the case of a 12:00 PM early dismissal from NMHS or an 11:45 AM early dismissal from Shepaug, all high school students would be brought to The Sherman School where they would ride home with Sherman students at our early dismissal time of 12:30 PM.

If Sherman is Open (or Dismissed Early), and Other Schools are Delayed or Dismissed Early - In the case of late openings and early dismissals for any of the corresponding high schools when Sherman is operating normally or dismissing early, the following guidelines apply:

- **New Milford** - When inclement weather results in a 2-hour delay or a 3-hour delay, pick-up at The Sherman School is at 8:35, or 9:35 for the 3-hour delay. Early dismissals in New Milford take place at 12:00 PM and accelerated early dismissals take place at 11:00 AM. In the case of an accelerated early dismissal our students will be dropped off at their regular bus stops.
- **New Fairfield** - Delays due to weather are either a 2-hour delay or a 3-hour delay, so the pick-up at Sherman School is 8:35, or 9:35 for the 3-hour delay. If NFHS has an early dismissal, it normally occurs at 10:50 AM, in which case students will be dropped off at their regular bus stops.
- **Henry Abbott Tech** - Morning 2-hour delays due to weather follow the New Fairfield HS timetable (some exceptions may apply), departing The Sherman School at 8:35 AM. The status of HAT is based on Danbury's schedule, so be sure to check the list of delays and closings for Danbury. Early dismissals take place at 11:33 AM and weather-related emergency dismissals take place at 10:30 AM. Transportation home is provided by All-Star, and students will be dropped off at their regular bus stops.
- **Shepaug** - The status of Shepaug Valley Regional High School is based on Region 12, so be sure to check their list of delays and closings. With a dedicated bus to Shepaug, morning delays due to weather will directly follow the Region 12 timetable for delayed openings. For a 2-hour delay the All-Star bus departs Sherman at 8:50 AM. Early dismissals based on weather normally occur at 11:15 AM. Shepaug High School students are brought back to Sherman and will ride the bus home with Sherman students at 12:30.

Bus Contact Information

- **All-Star Transportation (The Sherman School, NMHS, Shepaug, & Henry Abbott Tech PM)
860-350-2880**
- **First Student (NFHS & Henry Abbott Tech AM)
203-746-8883**

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