



2026 NSTA Midwinter Meeting (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

SCHEDULE



Date	Start	End	Description	Function Space
Sunday				
1/18/2026	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	<p>Event Check In Pick up your name badge and registration bag</p> <p>Lanyards - Sponsored by: Transfinder Badges - Sponsored by: Rosco Vision Registration Beach Bag - Sponsored by: Blue Bird Conference Notebook - Sponsored by: First Light Safety Products Beach Towel - Sponsored by: Downtime Subrogation Water Bottle - Sponsored by: Transportant Conference Photography - Sponsored by: Tyler Technologies Conference Wi-Fi - Sponsored by: BusesforSale.com Hotel Room Key Card - Sponsored by: Cadex Conference AV - Sponsorship by: Ingevity</p>	Atlantic Ballroom Foyer (Level 1)
	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	<p>"Welcome to Venice of America" Reception Sponsored by: Blue Bird Signature Cocktail - Sponsored by: Safe Fleet</p>	Pool Area (Mezzanine)
			Dinner on your own	
Monday				
1/19/2026	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	<p>Event Check In Pick up your name badge and registration bag</p>	Atlantic Ballroom Foyer (Level 1)
	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	<p>Rise and Shine Breakfast NHTSA Presentation Speaker- Michelle Atwell, NHTSA Breakfast begins at 7:30 AM Presentation begins at 8:15 AM Sponsored by: Transfinder</p>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	9:00 AM	9:05 AM	<p>President's Welcome Patrick Dean, NSTA President, Dean Transportation</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	9:05 AM	10:00 AM	<p>Keynote Session - "The Connected Fleet Advantage for Student Transportation" Keynote Speakers: Robert Stobaugh, Samsara and Jason Kierna, First Student Sponsored by: Samsara</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	10:00 AM	10:45 AM	<p>MST Panel - "Averting Disaster: Tech Goes Down, Be Prepared" Moderator: Dan Kobussen, Kobussen Buses / Panelists: Martin Staples, Transportant, Marty Savino, School Radio, Weston Bartlett, Tyler Technologies, and Adam Silbernagel, Summit School Services Sponsored by: Wolfington Body Company Monday Session Treats - Sponsored by: busHive</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	<p>Get Up and Stretch Break Sponsored by: Lancer Insurance Company</p>	Atlantic Foyer (Level 1)
	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Vendor Partner/OEM Speed Networking	Sky Terrace
	12:05 PM	1:30 PM	<p>Yacht Capital of the World Luncheon "Charting New Courses with Phil Purcell" CEO of Maritime Industry Association of South Florida Sponsored by: RIDE</p>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	BDC Outsourcing Student Transportation Toolkit - Part IV Launch Presenter: Patrick Dean, Dean Transportation Sponsored By: Microbird	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	NSTA The Bus Stop Live! Podcast with Joe Rossi, Transfinder	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	Free Time	Shuttle buses leaving for NSU Art Museum at 3:30 PM from Convention Center Entrance (Level 1)

	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	<p>Sunshine State Reception & Dinner Sponsored by: Thomas Built Buses Local Entertainment: Charlie Shephard - Sponsored by: REI Signature Cocktail - Sponsored by: School Radio Shuttle Buses pick up at the hotel (Convention Center Entrance) - 3:30 / 3:35 / 3:40 / 3:45 PM Shuttle Buses pick up at the museum (Main Entrance) - 6:45 / 6:55 / 7:00 / 7:05 PM</p>	<p>NSU Art Museum One East Las Olas Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33301</p>
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Tuesday

1/20/2026	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	<p>Rise and Shine Breakfast Legal Update Session - "Covering Your Bases: Safeguarding Special Needs Transportation for Contractors" Presenters: Brian Hill and Matthew Jandrisavitz, RC Kelly Law Associates Breakfast begins at 7:30 AM Presentation begins at 8:15 AM Sponsored By: Keystone / RWR</p>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	9:05 AM	9:45 AM	<p>OEM Panel Moderator: Curt Macysyn / Panelists: Jenna VanHarpen (Blue Bird), Shane Cauble (IC Bus), Frank Girardot (RIDE), and Mario DiFoggio (Thomas Built Buses), Sponsored by: AMF Bruns of America</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	<p>Prime Policy Report with Becky Weber Sponsored by: Zenobe</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	<p>Get Up and Stretch Break Sponsored by: RC Kelly Law Associates</p>	Atlantic Foyer (Level 1)
	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	<p>Report from the Field NASDPTS, NAPT, NCST, and NSTA Survey Sponsored by: Safeguard</p>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	<p>Special Activity & Luncheon - Water Taxi Charter Sponsored by: IC Bus Signature Cocktail - Sponsored by: Gatekeeper</p>	Water Taxi - Shooters Waterfront Restaurant 3033 NE 32 Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33308
			<p>Dinner on your own - Explore Fort Lauderdale</p>	

Wednesday

1/21/2026	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	<p>Rise and Shine Outdoor Breakfast Sponsored by: Motive</p>	Sky Terrace
	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	<p>NSTA Board of Directors Meeting</p>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV
	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	<p>Q'Straint Plant Tour & Lunch (RSVP Required) Sponsored by: Q'Straint Shuttle Bus pick up at the hotel (Convention Center Entrance) - 9:30 AM Shuttle Buses pick up at Q'Straint Facility - 12:30 PM</p>	Shuttle Transportation Provided from Atlantic Ballroom Entrance (Level 1) to the Convention Center Entrance - Q'Straint Location: 4031 NE 12th Terrace / Oakland Park, FL 33334

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