




# 2026 NSTA Midwinter Meeting (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

## SCHEDULE



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

	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	<b>Sunshine State Reception &amp; Dinner</b> <b>Sponsored by: Thomas Built Buses</b> <b>Local Entertainment: Charlie Shephard - Sponsored by: REI</b> <b>Signature Cocktail - Sponsored by: School Radio</b> 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	<a href="#">NSU Art Museum</a> <a href="#">One East Las Olas Boulevard</a> <a href="#">Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33301</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>				
1/20/2026	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	<b>Rise and Shine Breakfast</b> 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 <b>Sponsored By: Keystone / RWR</b>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV (Level 1)
	9:05 AM	9:45 AM	<b>OEM Panel</b> Moderator: Curt Macysyn / Panelists: Jenna VanHarpen (Blue Bird), Shane Cauble (IC Bus), Frank Girardot (RIDE), and Mario DiFoggio (Thomas Built Buses), <b>Sponsored by: AMF Bruns of America</b>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	<b>Prime Policy Report with Becky Weber</b> <b>Sponsored by: Zenobe</b>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	<b>Get Up and Stretch Break</b> <b>Sponsored by: RC Kelly Law Associates</b>	Atlantic Foyer (Level 1)
	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	<b>Report from the Field</b> <b>NASDPTS, NAPT, NCST, and NSTA Survey</b> <b>Sponsored by: Safeguard</b>	Atlantic Ballroom I, II, III (Level 1)
	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	<b>Special Activity &amp; Luncheon - Water Taxi Charter</b> <b>Sponsored by: IC Bus</b> <b>Signature Cocktail - Sponsored by: Gatekeeper</b>	<a href="#">Water Taxi - Shooters Waterfront Restaurant</a> <a href="#">3033 NE 32 Ave</a> <a href="#">Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33308</a>
			<b>Dinner on your own - Explore Fort Lauderdale</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>				
1/21/2026	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	<b>Rise and Shine Outdoor Breakfast</b> <b>Sponsored by: Motive</b>	Sky Terrace
	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	<b>NSTA Board of Directors Meeting</b>	Atlantic Ballroom VI, V, IV
	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	<b>Q'Straint Plant Tour &amp; Lunch (RSVP Required)</b> <b>Sponsored by: Q'Straint</b> Shuttle Bus pick up at the hotel (Convention Center Entrance) - 9:30 AM Shuttle Buses pick up at Q'Straint Facility - 12:30 PM	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
<p><b>*Schedule subject to change/All times are Eastern Time   2026 NSTA MWM Program Schedule   <a href="http://www.yellowbuses.org">www.yellowbuses.org</a>   703-684-3200</b></p> <p>Thank you, Transfinder, for sponsoring the NSTA Bus Stop Live! Podcast            Special thanks to our Yellow Bus Sponsor: School Transportation News  <b>Thank you all sponsors for your support!</b></p>				
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