



Help Communities In Schools of Cape Fear Stuff the Bus!

WILMINGTON, NC (August 4, 2025) –The region’s largest school supply drive is back for the 25th year!

Communities In Schools of Cape Fear is once again rallying companies and community members to Stuff the Bus and ensure every student starts the school year prepared and confident.

“Lacking essential supplies can hinder a student’s ability to participate at school, leading to absenteeism, disengagement and lower academic performance. This drive is an easy way for everyone to lend a hand and prevent barriers like these in the classroom,” said CIS Cape Fear Communications Manager Kendall Englehart.

On August 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., school buses will be parked outside Office Depot Hanover Center and Staples on College Road to accept donations of new school supplies. Once the school buses leave the lot, all items will be sorted by volunteers and distributed to students in need across Pender and New Hanover counties.

Can’t make it to a CIS Bus Stop? No problem. Donation barrels are available now at more than 60 participating businesses and community organizations across the region. An interactive map of all drop off locations is available [here on the CIS website](#).

EASY WAYS TO HELP:

- 1. Visit Office Depot Hanover Center or Staples on College Road on August 13 & 14 and load your donations into our school bus from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
- 2. Drop off your donations now at a nearby Stuff the Bus barrel across the region**
- 3. Support students without leaving home by shopping the CIS Amazon Wish List**
- 4. Make a secure, online donation to CIS Cape Fear**

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Communities In Schools of Cape Fear places staff directly inside 34 targeted, high-need public schools to work with vulnerable students and those with the greatest risk of dropping out of school. Student Support Specialists link students and their families with resources including mental health support, tutoring, attendance monitoring, mentoring, afterschool programs, and partners to serve their basic needs.