

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Erie County Technical School!

Erie County Technical School/NEHS Fact sheet

Sometimes students have questions about how schedules work while attending both ECTS and North East High School. This fact sheet is here to answer some of the frequently asked questions:

1. **When do I leave for the Erie County Technical School (ECTS)?**- All first-year students attend the AM session. The bus leaves by 7:15 every morning. Students are let off their buses and will wait for all other busses to leave before getting on the ECTS bus which will be the remaining bus.
2. **What happens if I miss the AM tech bus?** You MUST immediately report to Mrs. Coletta to check-in. She will notify ECTS and NEHS administration. Your absence will be logged and subsequent incidences of missing the tech bus could result in disciplinary action. Mrs. Coletta will let you know where you will report during 1st and 2nd blocks.
3. **What happens if there is a two-hour delay at NESD?** For two-hour delays, students will be dropped off at the bus entrance and ECTS students will report to the cafeteria. ECTS will be informed of the two-hour delay. All PM students will be transported to ECTS on schedule.
4. **When do I get announcements if I am an AM tech student?** Important announcements are usually posted to your Class of ... Google Classrooms. All announcements are posted on the TV above the cafeteria door in the main lobby.
5. **Can I still play sports?** Absolutely!!!! AM students return to the school building before after-school practice. If needed, you can make arrangements with your lab instructor, parents, and coaches to decide if you are staying at NEHS or getting a ride from a parent.
6. **What happens when NEHS has school and ECTS does not or, ECTS has school and NEHS has off?**
 - If NEHS has school and ECTS does not you will ride your bus to NEHS and spend ECTS lab time in the cafeteria or auditorium. If you can get a ride to school, you must report to the main office by 11:05 am. If you are a PM student and would like to leave the school building, you must have a permission form on file with attendance, or bring in a note from a parent giving you permission to leave school and drive home. This note must be turned in to the main office before leaving.
 - If ECTS has school and NEHS does not, there is a Google Form for your parent(s) to complete if you need transportation. If you sign up for bus transportation, you will be given an estimated bus arrival time, the NEHS bus will take you home after ECTS.
7. **Who is my homeroom teacher if I have AM ECTS and do not return until 11:15?** AM tech students will not be reporting to their homeroom. The bus will drop you off at the NEHS Main Office entrance around 11:15. You may miss a few minutes of third period or a few minutes of A-lunch but this happens every year and teachers are aware. Attendance will have AM tech sign-in sheets in folders on the long table near the front entrance that you will check in for each day. Any passes, messages, pictures, or certificates will be laid out for you in the folder. *It is your responsibility to check the folder!*
8. **What do I need to do if I miss a day of school?** You will need to bring an excuse for both NEHS and ECTS.
9. **What happens if I fail my lab at ECTS?** You will be required to return to NEHS the following year. There is no summer school for ECTS. You will lose 3 elective credits. If a student is failing by the semester, ECTS can pull you from the program and you will return to NEHS for the 2nd semester. If this is the case, you will be required to make up the waived core course.

10. **What happens if I fail courses at NEHS and become ineligible to graduate?** If you do not participate in summer school to redeem the core course credit, you risk being removed from attending ECTS. The exception to this would be that you complete the credit recovery course to remediate the failed credit(s).
11. **How do I fit all my required courses in at NEHS if I am gone half of the day?** ECTS students are required to complete 24 credits instead of 27. One credit of Science, Social Studies, and Math is waived for graduation in order to fit 1.5 HPE and .5 computer credits required for graduation. 4-English credits are also still required.
12. **What happens when I miss ECTS for Keystone testing?** ECTS will receive a list of students staying at NEHS during testing. You will be marked “homeschool” during these days so you will not need an excuse. You may be required to make up missed ECTS work.
13. **Graduation Portfolio Requirements for ECTS and NEHS-** Both NEHS and ECTS have their own separate graduation portfolio requirements. You will be responsible for the completion of both. There will be times when you will create a resume that could be shared with the other school for graduation requirements.
14. **Can I still participate in NEHS special activities while attending ECTS (example: pep assemblies, Arts Assembly, etc):** The answer is yes, with the proper approval. If you are participating in one of the events, ECTS and NEHS need to know you will be spending the full day at one of the schools. You will just need the proper signatures letting the school know everyone is aware you are staying and you will not be missing a major event or test. ECTS requires a form in order for you to remain at NEHS for a day that you must get in the ECTS main office.
15. **Can I still attend field trips for both schools?** Yes, similar to the above explanation, you will receive a permission form for signatures. If you are attending a field trip for ECTS you must bring the ECTS permission slip to Ms. Kirsch in the guidance office first. She will give it to Mrs. Coletta for a signature and will deliver it to Mrs. Wheeler in attendance, where you will pick it up later that day.
16. **What are some activities I can get involved in at ECTS:**
- National Technical Honor Society
 - Cooperative Education (Co-Op)
 - Skills USA
 - Industry Certifications
 - ECTS Awards Ceremony (Graduation)
 - Post Secondary Articulation Agreements
17. **Regular AM Schedule:**
- 7:20 - ECTS AM Tech Bus departs
 - 8:00 - ECTS Lab Begins
 - 10:45 - ECTS Lab Dismissal
 - 11:10 - 11:15 (Approximate-Dependent on Weather) Arrive at NEHS - Report to Lunch or 3rd-period class.
18. **If you have any questions:** Always ask! The Guidance office is the place to go for many forms and the main office is where to go for signatures.
19. **If you need to stay at ECTS to catch up on work:** It is important to ask permission first. Make sure your NEHS classes are caught up. If you miss a few days at each school and need to create a make-up plan with us, see your school counselor to make the plan.
20. **Do I still have to serve detentions and ISS?** Yes, ECTS and NEHS both have ISS and NEHS has detention. You would serve your detention upon your return to NEHS.