

Tips for Carpooling

1. Determine your route and schedule. Establish the morning pickup point(s) and designate a place(s) to meet for the trip home.
2. Draw up a schedule for driving responsibilities. If all participants of your carpool alternate driving, decide among yourselves if you want to alternate on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.
3. Establish a method for reimbursing driving expenses. Are all participants of your carpool do not share the driving equally, come to an understanding of how the costs will be shared and agree on payment dates.



4. Be punctual. Decide how long the driver is expected to wait. When home pickups are utilized, do not disturb everyone in the neighborhood by honking if a rider is running a few minutes late.
5. Establish policies. Smoking or nonsmoking; music and volume; food and drinks. Your carpool will have a better chance of success if possible irritants are discussed initially.
6. Make carpooling have a purpose. If it is for commuting to and from work, do not let it become a shopping or errand service.
7. Establish a chain of communication. If a driver is ill, or will not be going to work one day, an alternate driver should be notified to ensure that other participants of the carpool will have a ride. If a participant is ill or will not be working, the driver must be contacted as soon as possible.
8. Drive carefully and keep the vehicle in good repair. This includes keeping the vehicle clean and safe. There are others involved. There should be no excuse for excessive speed, use of alcohol, or reckless maneuvers.
9. Respect your fellow carpooler's wishes. Especially in the morning when some people like a time of quiet.
10. If you lose a participant of your carpool, access www.carpoolworld.com for help in finding a replacement.