



School Carpool Tips



If you drop and pick up your kids there are a lot of other parents like you. Pairing up with another family would mean half as many trips to school.

1. **Find a carpool buddy** - find other families at your school to share the ride and carpool with.
2. **Get to know each other** - set up a play date or invite your carpool buddies over for dinner. This will allow the kids to form new friendships and for the parents to get to know each other.
3. **Talk about safety** - make sure all drivers in your carpool are on the same page when it comes to abiding by traffic laws and safety requirements such as seat belts, booster seats, and cell phone usage.
4. **Decide on a schedule** - come to an agreement on regular times/days each person will drive to help keep things organized and efficient.
5. **Stay in communication** - give as much notice as possible if there are any changes that might affect the carpool i.e. sick child, vacation, etc.
6. **Have fun and enjoy the ride!** - catch up on the highlights of everyone's day or play games.



For more resources on the commute to school visit
<https://www.placer.ca.gov/6843/Safe-Routes-to-School-SRTS>