

## A New Answer for an Old Problem

Parents in the same neighborhood usually face the same challenges in getting their children to and from school. School hours generally conflict with parents' work schedules and transporting children to and from school can be time-consuming and difficult regardless of parents' access to a vehicle.

That's why Commute Solutions, a voluntary project aimed at reducing trips and vehicle pollution in the Houston-Galveston metropolitan area, is introducing the **School Pool Pilot Program**.



## School Pooling's Purpose: Saving Everyone Money, Serving Everyone's Interests

### For Parents, the School Pool Program:

- Puts an end to transportation issues of getting your children to and from school
- Saves money, time and gas
- Enables parents to manage school and work schedules
- Reduces traffic congestion around the school's drop-off and pick-up area
- Helps to improve air quality

### For School Districts, the School Pool Program:

- Reduces traffic congestion around the school's drop-off and pick-up areas
- Decreases parking demand on school premises due to parents parking vehicles and walking their children to school
- Educates children about the importance of saving our environment

## Joining

Interested parents can register by completing a registration form. The information will be entered into a ridematch database. Parents will receive a customized ridematch list of the students attending the same schools participating in the program. Personal information will remain strictly confidential. Only the child's name, cross street and telephone number will be available to parents registered in the School Pool Pilot Program.

Parents must cooperate in creating schedules and arranging pick-up and drop-off points.

Parents can withdraw from the School Pool Pilot Program at any time. As a common courtesy, however, we ask you to notify your carpooler and us if you decide to stop participating in the program.

### Liability Issues

The Commute Solutions Program is acting solely as a referral service for potential carpoolers. We do not assume any liability, and make no assertion about any driver being qualified, competent or insured; Commute Solutions is held harmless from all activities and expenses resulting from personal injury or property damage arising from participation in the School Pool Pilot Program.

Registering for the School Pool Pilot Program indicates you understand and agree with the above statement.

**Please send your application to:**  
METRO, School Pool Coordinator  
P.O. Box 61429  
Houston, TX 77208-1429

713-993-2487 (Public Schools)  
713-993-2438 (Private Schools)

## School Pool Pilot Application

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I need a School Pool for my child(ren) in the:

Morning A.M.  Afternoon P.M.

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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## What is the School Pool Pilot Program?

It is a voluntary program offering free carpool matching services to parents interested in forming carpools for their children. The School Pool Pilot Program, designed exclusively for school-aged children, helps parents get their children to and from school more easily.

Parents from a specific school's neighborhood are matched with other parents who live nearby and who are interested in sharing the responsibility of getting the neighborhood's children to and from school.



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