



Tips for Carpooling to School

If you drop off and pick up your kids every day, there are thousands of other parents out there just like you. Pairing up with just one other family would mean half as many trips to school. Imagine what else you could do with all that extra time! Here are tips to help make carpooling as fun and easy as possible for everyone:

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 start forming new friendships and for the parents/caregivers 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, cellphone usage, smoking, etc.
4. **Decide on a schedule** – Come to an agreement on regular days/times that 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. a sick child, scheduled vacations, running late, traffic.
6. **Have fun and enjoy the ride!** – Catch up on the highlights of everyone's day, play word games, or turn up the music and do some carpool karaoke.

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