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Metro School Pool Program Helps Parents Set Up Carpools

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(Sept. 2, 2004) With schools returning to session throughout the greater Los Angeles area, Metro is offering a free carpool matching service to make the school day ritual of commuting easier and more convenient.

Metro School Pool offers free, voluntary and confidential matching service to parents interested in organizing school carpools. The program is open to students in all participating public and private elementary, middle and high schools in Los Angeles County.

Participation is voluntary and parents share the task of driving students to and from school.

For information on the program or to sign up, parents must contact their local schools and complete a Metro School Pool survey.

Addresses are confidential

Parents then will receive a list of others from their school who are interested in carpooling. Home addresses are confidential and are not shared. Only phone numbers are provided.

Parents phone one another and determine if they want to start a carpool. They have the opportunity to discuss their student's schedules, arrange pick-up and drop-off points and decide how to share carpool costs and driving responsibilities.

Metro School Pool does not transport children to school.

For more information on the Metro School Pool program, parents can call Metro Commute Services at 922-2811 (select option 1).