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## **Metro School Pool Program Brings Students Back to School**

With schools returning to session throughout the greater Los Angeles area, Metro offers a free carpool matching service to make the school day ritual of commuting easier and more convenient.

Metro School Pool is a service offering 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 should contact their local schools and complete a Metro School Pool survey.

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. Parents at that time 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.

By participating in Metro School Pool, schools and parents can help reduce traffic congestion near campus making schools safer for everyone. In addition, participants will save time and money on school commutes and save the environment by reducing air pollution caused by car exhaust.

Schools wishing to enroll in the Metro School Pool program can call Metro Commute Services at 213-922-2811 (select option 1).

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