Student Carpool Guide

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Carpooling Safety Tips: For Students



Verify each other's identity.



Meet on campus first.



Exchange contact information after the meeting.



Have a backup transportation option.



Trust your instincts.

Agree on Costs Up Front

Clear expectations help prevent misunderstandings and make carpooling more affordable and enjoyable for everyone.

Common Approaches

- **Flat weekly contribution (if one person usually drives) typically $5-$10**
- **Rotate drivers (if multiple members have vehicles)**

Payment method	Venmo, Cash App, Zelle
When to Pay	Weekly, Biweekly
Shared Expenses	Gas, Parking, Tolls

✳ **Bonus tip:** Discuss costs before your first ride—not after.

What Makes a Good Carpool Match?

A good match typically adds no more than 5–10 minutes to the driver's trip.

1. Similar class schedules
2. Nearby pickup locations
3. Same campus destination
4. Compatible availability
5. Reliable communication

✳ Bonus tip: Travel time is often more important than distance.

Carpool Expectations

Every student is different. Talking about expectations before your first ride helps everyone feel comfortable, avoid misunderstandings, and enjoy the ride.



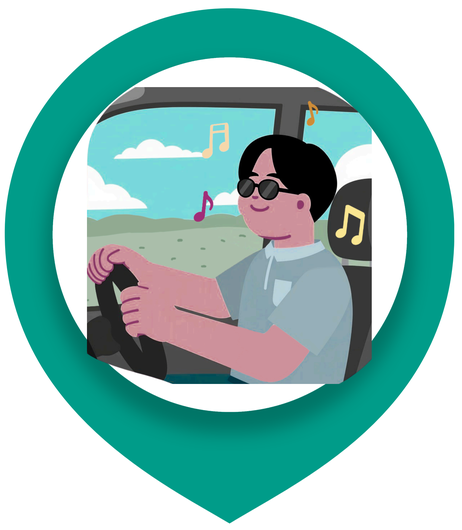
How long drivers will wait (typically 2–3 minutes)



Food and drinks in the vehicle



Courtesy and communication expectations



Music preferences

Carpooling Do’s and Don’ts

- ✓ Rotate drivers when possible
- ✓ Decide how to share costs fairly in advance
- ✓ Keep detours to a minimum (unless agreed upon)
- ✓ Create a group chat to communicate timely updates
- ✓ Have back up transportation

- ✗ Expect one person to drive every time
- ✗ Unclear expectations for gas money
- ✗ Overload driver with extra stops
- ✗ Last minute cancellations
- ✗ Soley rely on your carpool driver

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GOOD CARPOOL MATCHES



- Shared major or program
- Shared campus
- Similiar class/class schedule
- Home city or neighborhood
- Clubs and organizations
- Work schedule
- Interests and hobbies