

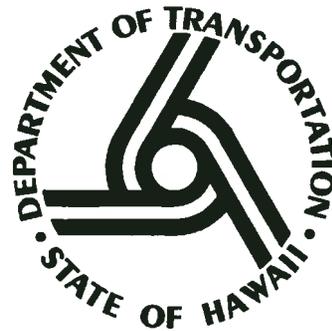
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# The SMART way to get to school

For many students getting to school can be the biggest challenge of the day. Working parents often have schedules that conflict with taking their children to school. They may get sick or have to put their car in the shop for repairs. Even students who are licensed drivers may not have a vehicle available.

## What is SchoolPool?

SchoolPool is a free service that brings together students and their families who wish to form carpools to and from school. The State Department of Transportation's Rideshare Office works with participating schools to match students who live near each other and are interested in sharing a ride.

## How Do You Join a SchoolPool?

Students or their parents provide information such as school, name, grade, nearest intersection to home, start and pick-up times and phone numbers. The Rideshare Office

uses an innovative computer program to identify students who make the best potential SchoolPool partners based on their home and school locations. Parents and students receive a customized match list of other families who live nearby and would make the most suitable SchoolPool partners. Interested SchoolPoolers then work out convenient transportation arrangements among themselves.

## Why SchoolPool?

**Less Driving for parents.** SchoolPool offers a convenient alternative for parents who cannot drive their children to school every day. It also provides parents with the names and phone numbers of neighbors they can call on for emergency transportation in case of bad weather, illness or car trouble.

**Shorter loading and unloading lines.** When two or more people share a ride, it reduces congestion on roadways and in front of schools. With SchoolPool, student pick-up and drop off areas aren't as crowded and parents spend less time in line. Shorter loading lines means less traffic around schools and increased safety for students.

**Money Savings.** By not driving as often, SchoolPool participants can reduce the amount of money they spend on gas and

car maintenance. Students who choose to drive may welcome extra gas money for providing a ride.

**Reduced tardiness and absenteeism.** When students have a ride they can rely on, their school attendance and timeliness improve.

**Decreased air pollution and related illnesses.** High levels of air pollution contribute to serious health problems (such as asthma, bronchial problems, and allergies) in students and adults. By reducing the number of cars on our roadways, we can all breathe easier.

## How Do I Enroll in SchoolPool?

SchoolPool is available to all public and private elementary, middle and high school schools in the Honolulu area. If you are interested in signing up for SchoolPool fill out the SchoolPool Matching Request. Visit <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/rideshare/match/>

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