

Carpooling Tips

Want to get the most out of your carpool? Make the experience even more rewarding with a few basic tips.

Ten steps to make your carpool successful:

1. Set guidelines ahead of time. By agreeing on driving arrangements, eating, smoking, music, etc., you can avoid misunderstandings.
2. Set monthly driving schedules in advance.
3. Stick to the schedule and guidelines you determine with your carpool mates.
4. Be punctual. This is equally important, whether you are a passenger or the driver.
5. Tell your carpool partners about vacation plans in advance.
6. Keep your car clean and maintained.
7. Drive safely--even more so than you would if you were driving alone.
8. Be considerate of other carpoolers. While some people enjoy energetic morning conversation, others may prefer quiet time.
9. Enjoy the time you spend in the carpool. It's a good opportunity to make friendships.
10. Predetermine ahead of time if errands will be allowed.

(Revise this sample carpool agreement as needed to suit your carpool.)

The members of this carpool agree to the following terms:

Meeting Place

AM meeting place _____ AM meeting time _____

PM meeting place _____ PM meeting time _____

Be On Time!

The carpool will not wait more than _____ minutes for late arrivals in the morning and _____ minutes for late arrivals in the evening.

If you know you will be unable to carpool on a particular day, please notify the designated driver for that day as soon as possible. Please notify fellow carpoolers as soon as possible regarding future vacation and holiday plans.

Days _____ Driver _____ Backup _____

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