

# Helpful Tips:



## CREATE AGREEMENTS

- Set expectations for the time to meet, the location and departure times and discuss what you will do if another family is late.
- Consider a trial period of a few weeks to see if the new SchoolPool arrangement is working for everyone.
- SchoolPool does not need to be everyday or both to and from school to have a big impact. Please carpool, walk, bike, or park and walk as often as possible. Every vehicle mile reduced is significant. Walkers and bikers can carpool when it gets stormy.
- Travel with each other the first few times to be sure everyone is comfortable.
- Be sure you have current contact information for all parents of all children traveling in the SchoolPool (cell phones, land lines, and email).
- Ask to see carpool driver's current license and insurance.

## EXPANDING YOUR NETWORK

- Continue to promote your SchoolPool to others in your neighborhood. If walking or biking, or if there is room in your carpool, invite others to join your SchoolPool.
- Pick up others on your way to school, even if they cannot reciprocate. They can possibly provide rides after school or some other time.
- Informal SchoolPooling with your neighbors works, too. Families can call their neighbors to see if their kids are walking or biking or can carpool that day. Create a Neighborhood Roster for informal Schoolpooling or to carpool on stormy days when you can't walk or bike.

