

It's "Cool" & "Green" to School Pool!



Join the School Pool Program!

Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School in partnership with Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) is matching parents with fellow parents living nearby to school pool their children together to school.

**If you are already driving your child to school,
Why not offer a ride to another
Thurgood Marshall Fundamental student?
Or, share the driving with another parent?**

It's a great way to get to know other parents, it helps the environment, and it also saves you time and money. Interested students and their families are matched with other parents/students who live close by or on the way to school.

Just complete a School Pool registration and return it to the school office or fax it to (727) 552-1741. Your information will be kept confidential. You will receive a match list of other parents who are interested in school pooling. Then you and your family can make arrangements that suit your needs and schedule.

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TBARTA School Pool Program **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. What is a TBARTA School Pool Program Partnership?

The School Pool Program is a partnership between selected schools in the Tampa Bay region, and their respective Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and/or their respective Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA), and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA). TBARTA provides regional commuter assistance programs and services with the primary role of promoting commute options other than using a single occupant vehicle. Programs and services are funded through the Florida Department of Transportation and are provided at no cost. The commuter services program area covers Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties.

Q. Why did we create an official School Pool Program?

Many families at area schools are already participating in self-organized carpooling. TBARTA will help expand the existing program using its computerized ridematching program. TBARTA will also add promotional support, and most importantly, provide continuity to the existing program

Q. How do I register?

Registration forms will be available in the participating school office. Return completed forms to the office, ATTN: School Pool Coordinator. Once you are school pooling, let TBARTA know by filling out a School Pool survey, will be available after the beginning of school year.

Q. If I cannot be a driver in a school pool (carpool), can I still participate?

Yes, everyone can participate. You can make other arrangements with parents like pitching in for gas or arranging rides for other events, times, places, etc.

Q. What happens to my information when I fill out a registration form?

Your information is processed in the TBARTA' rideshare matching database. All information is kept confidential. Only parents registered in the program see information on their match list about possible school poolers and parents are only matched with other parents at their school. No information is provided about students.

Q. I am currently in a carpool, why should I register in the School Pool Program?

Every family should register with the program. With more parents registered, there is a better chance for a match. Just because you are on a match list, doesn't mean you are obligated to school pool. However, the match list can provide an important back up if your current situation changes, or if you suddenly need to know which parents live nearby to arrange to get your student(s) to school.

Q. What if my son or daughter needs to go to soccer practice, grandma's house or drama class after school?

When setting up a school pool (carpool) with a parent, you can make individual arrangements on where the children will go after school.

Q. If I am already registered but I have moved, how do I update my information?

Call TBARTA at (800) 998-7433 to update your information. Be sure to mention that you are a School Pool parent and the name of your school.