



SchoolPool is here - Join us!

Cascades West Rideshare's SchoolPool program supports families interested in *carpooling, walking, biking* or riding the city bus with other families to and from school! *It's fun and FREE!*

Here's how it works:

- Using *DriveLessConnect.com*, a secure website managed by Cascades West Rideshare and the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, parents like you can find other Franklin School families in their area.
- It's a great resource to meet nearby Franklin families for other reasons such as play dates, baby sitters, etc. The more families that register, the more likely you are to find matches!
- You can add comments (for example, "can provide morning rides," "currently carpooling," "student is in after-school activities," etc.). Use SchoolPool for planning full-time, part-time, or special event trips.



Participation is FREE and your information is secure!

Contact Cascades West Rideshare at 541-924-8480 or tcampi@ocwcog.org for more information. This project is also supported by your *Corvallis School District Safe Routes to School team!*

We assume no responsibility, but provide this information for your use. Cascades West Rideshare and Corvallis School District 509J do not run background checks, confirm valid drivers' licenses or assess insurance coverage on participants. Potential users are advised to screen participants to their personal satisfaction and check their own insurance coverage for carpooling to assure they are covered under these voluntary arrangements. No drivers, vehicles or insurance are provided.



Sharing trips saves time, money, and the environment

SchoolPool is a convenient way to get your kids to school while saving time, saving money on gas, reducing traffic congestion, and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

For some families, public transit is a good option. All Corvallis Transit buses are fareless and equipped with bike racks, and walking with children to transit stops can lead to a healthier start to your child's school day!

Only parents and legal guardians of children who attend Franklin can participate in the school's private SchoolPool network. Participation is voluntary and parents establish the schedules that work best for them. The more parents who register, the more likely you are to find matches.

What's a bike buddy and walking school bus?

Bike buddies are groups of students who ride bicycles to school together with adult/parent leaders. A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school together with one or more adults. Walking school buses or bike buddies can be as informal as two families taking turns biking or walking to school, or as structured as establishing a route, a timetable, and a group of parent volunteers.

How do I participate in SchoolPool?

- Go to DriveLessConnect.com
- Choose the button that says "Register Now." Complete your profile, and make sure to choose "SchoolPool" when the site asks "What are you here for?"
- When you've entered the required information, you'll see a homepage with a green button in the center-right of the page that says "Get Started," next to the SchoolPool heading and an icon of a "sunshine." Click on the green box, and type Franklin into the box that appears. Choose Franklin School from the list of networks. The site will ask you to explain your association with the school network, so just type "Parent." Enter the remainder of the information then click "Submit."
- Your registration is now complete and you will receive a verification code by email shortly to confirm your registration approval!
- After you've joined, you'll be able to enter your trip details and search for matches! Your matches' contact information will appear as well. All matches will be other Franklin families.
- To edit your information or search for matches any time in the future, simply log in at www.DriveLessConnect.com and click "SchoolPool" in the blue bar that will appear at the top of the homepage, then click "Find Matches" on the right side of the page. You can edit your trip details (such as times and days) by clicking on the small "hand" image.
- **If you don't have access to the internet, call 541-924-8480 and we'll help you enroll!**

History's on our side

According to the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, in 1969, approximately **50% of children walked or biked to school**, and 87% of children living within one mile of school did.

Today, fewer than 15% of schoolchildren walk or bike to school. Overall in the U.S., kids today are less active, less independent, and less healthy.

As much as 30% of morning traffic is generated by parents driving their children to schools.

SchoolPool works to make it **safe, convenient, and fun for children to carpool, bicycle and walk to school!**

This improves community and personal health, benefits the environment, increases safety, and helps to decrease traffic congestion around schools.

Everybody wins!