# **get there**

# What is SchoolPool? A primer for school principals and administrators

SchoolPool is part of the Get There platform hosted by the Oregon Department of Transportation that matches parents and caregivers who are driving alone to school with other drivers from the same school to share rides. This tool is free to use for K-12 schools in Oregon.

## What problem does it solve?

In today's reality of reduced bus service, driver shortages and shrinking budgets, this program can help parents and caregivers access additional transportation options to ensure their kid gets to school safely.

## What are you asking?

We need your help implementing SchoolPool at your school. Each school will need to recruit a School Pool Network Manager to assist in promotion and vital technical maintenance of your school's database. This work would include:

- Edit households as needed
- Send emails to households as needed, including an invitation to join
- Assist households in joining and participating in a network if they are having trouble
- Assist in setting up a SchoolPool web page on the school's website to share information about the program with families

We hope to work with school administrators to designate Network Managers within their schools. These managers would ideally have access to school household rolls and have time in their schedule to perform the duties listed above.

## What support will I get?

We have resources for Network Managers and families, including email templates, how-to presentations and web page content. Additionally, we have a team of administrators who will be there to assist Network Managers with any technical issues or if they need more training.

## What are my next steps?

- If you would like more materials and resources visit the Oregon Safe Routes to School website: <u>www.oregonsaferoutes.org/schoolpool</u>
- If you have identified a Network Manager for your school, have them email info@getthereoregon.org to get started, or send them the <u>Network Manager How-To</u>