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"As a single mom, magnet schools provide opportunities for enrichment in the areas of art, dance, and technology that I would normally have to supplement with programs after school. This saves a great deal of money and time! My daughter also loves going to school in the morning!"
C. Delga, parent of first grade student

"I am pleased my son has had the option of a magnet school that teaches about health professions. He has a better understanding of what I do as a nurse."
A. Johnson, parent of high school student

"What I appreciate most about magnet schools is that my daughter can receive a quality academic education while pursuing her love of the arts. My son has also benefited by the magnet programs. He attended King IB and is now a freshman at MIT!"
D. Perna, parent of two magnet Students

"My wife and I are both professional musicians. We appreciate that our son has not only perfected his skills, but learns a more advanced level of music not available in traditional high school programs. He has also had the opportunity to gain practical experience through his performances at concerts and community events."
T. McColley, parent of high school magnet student

"I can't believe the difference in my son during his first year at a magnet school. He has received "Excellent" (shown as E's) on his report card in every subject and loves going to school every day. He is flourishing at this school."
P. Martin, parent of first grade magnet student

July 18, 2011

Dear Parent,

Transportation often presents some difficulties for families at our schools. To alleviate some of these difficulties, we are working with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) School Pool Program to provide free carpooling matching assistance for families who are interested in sharing rides to and from school. We are including this program in your child's magnet school.

Interested families who complete the School Pool registration will receive a list of names and phone numbers (Match List) of families from magnet school parents who live in your area and are also interested in sharing rides to and from school. Home address information is confidential and only the closest major intersections are included on the list. Families receiving a Match List are not obligated to school pool and can use the list as a backup in the event they have a temporary or sudden transportation need.

The School Pool program only matches families at the same school where other parents have registered. **The more families participating in the program, the better opportunity the School Pool program has to provide school pool matching!**

If you are interested in participating, please complete the School Pool registration form and return to the school office ATTN: School Pool Coordinator.

If you have any questions regarding the School Pool program, please contact Deborah Barron at 813-272-4872.

Sincerely,

Susan King, Supervisor
Magnet and Choice Programs

REASONS TO SCHOOL POOL

1. Be on time for school!
2. Make new friends!
3. Stay dry on a rainy day!
4. Help your parents save gas money!
5. Arrive safely in a group!
6. Help keep the earth clean and beautiful!

Registration Form



School Pool Program



Dowdell Middle Magnet School
1208 Wishing Well Way
Tampa, FL 33619
PH (813) 744-8322 ext. 226
FAX (813) 740-3616



3802 Spectrum Boulevard, Suite 306
Tampa, FL 33612
PH (800) 998-RIDE
FAX (813) 282-8700
www.TampaBayRideshare.org

A Parent's Guide to School Pooling

- 1) Fill out this form **completely**.
- 2) Turn this form into the school office or fax to (813) 740-3616.
- 3) TBARTA will create a personalized match list of other families who live by you and who want to School Pool.
- 4) The School Pool Match List will be sent to the address provided on the registration.
- 5) When you receive your match list, call the families on your list to make arrangements. Because you are not obligated to form a School Pool, you may keep the list as a back-up in case your circumstances change.
- 6) After you find a rideshare match, be sure to register your School Pool by filling out a parent survey to let us know how it is working. Surveys will be available in the school office.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

**Contact School Pool Coordinator at
(813) 744-8322 ext. 226**

**Hillsborough Magnet District Office
(813) 272-4811**

**TBARTA at
(800) 998-RIDE (7433)**

www.TampaBayRideshare.org

School Pool Registration Form



Parent/Legal Guardian Information *(All information provided is kept confidential)*

Parent Last Name: _____ **Parent First Name:** _____
(Parent name will be listed on the Match List. Student's last name will also be listed if different from the parent.)

Student(s) First and Last Name(s): _____ **Grade(s):** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

If/when necessary, availability for school pooling and status in database can be updated.

Requesting Ride: Yes No Available for Driving: Yes No

Already School Pool: Yes No

Other Comments: _____

Nearest major intersection to home: _____

(Additional information may be added on a separate sheet and attached to this registration form.)

The undersigned understands and agrees that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and

Dowdell Middle Magnet School

1. Are acting solely as a referral service for potential carpoolers and do not assume any liability arising out of voluntary participation in the School Pool Program.
2. Make no representation that any driver is qualified, competent or insured and urges parents to verify that all drivers of any carpool that the child participates in are adequately insured.
3. Are held harmless from all actions and expenses resulting from personal injury or property damage arising from participation in the School Pool Program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian **Date**

DROP REGISTRATION FORM OFF AT SCHOOL OFFICE OR FAX TO (813) 740-3616