RECLAIM <u>YOU</u> FAMILY COMMUTE



A lot of coordination goes into getting your family out the door, off to school, and arriving back home each day. You may already be familiar with programs that encourage you to get your student to school or yourself to work without needing to drive.

King County Metro is here to support your family's full commute needs! We connect you with healthy, affordable options that also provide you quality time with your student on the way to school—plus, time for you as you continue to your next destination.

King County Metro partners with jurisdictions and schools to offer services that support your family—to make your life easier while also reducing traffic congestion and emissions in our communities.

Consider Your Options

Link your commute with your student's school trip while getting fresh air or sharing the ride with others! Use active and shared ways to get around—to school, work, and beyond—to support the health and wellness of students and families.

- Reducing the traffic around schools can improve air quality.
- ★ Getting some fresh air (and the wiggles out!) on the way to school helps students arrive ready to learn.
- Sharing the ride with friends or neighbors builds community and can save you money.



SCHOOLPOOL <u>for</u> YOU AND YOUR STUDENT

King County Metro services and SchoolPool programs give you the flexibility you need as a parent or caregiver. SchoolPool programs can make getting to and from school fun, active, and easy with your student. Then, use King County Metro services to connect to your next destination. You'll spend less time searching for parking or sitting in traffic, and experience more time dedicated to you.

Carpool

- ★ Use SchoolPool's secure school-based carpool matching platform from <u>RideshareOnline.com</u> to match and share the trip to and from school with families in your area.
- ★ Register for your own adult commute trips to find carpool or vanpool rides to and from your home, student's school, or another location!



Find a rideshare program that works for you:

- ★ Join a vanpool with parents.
- ★ Set up a carpool with other adults.
- ★ Hop in a vanshare to get to the closest transit center.

Learn more at kingcounty.gov/metro/rideshare.

Park & Walk

- ★ Park a few blocks away from school at a dedicated <u>Park & Walk</u> location and walk the last few blocks with your student into school.
- ★ Then, jump in a carpool or vanpool with fellow parent(s) or hop on a nearby bus to connect to where you need to go.



Interested in taking the bus?

- Find out which route and stop can quickly take you where you need to go with tripplanner.kingcounty.gov.
- ★ Use an ORCA card for the fastest way to pay your fare.

Walking & Biking Groups

- ★ Lead, join in, or send your student off with a <u>Walking School Bus or Bike Train</u>, an organized group of students who walk, roll, or bike to and from school along a designated route with adults.
- ★ Then, hop on your own bus, continue on your bike or by foot, or join in a vanpool with other parent(s) or school-neighbors.



If you bike with your students, keep pedaling to get to your nearby bus or transit center.

- ★ Bring your bike along using the racks on the front of the bus.
- ★ Store your bike in the secure, on-demand lockers at transit centers.

Learn more at kingcounty.gov/metro/bike.



Prepare for the Unexpected

If you need to reach your student quickly during the day, we can help! King County Metro may cover the cost of up to eight taxi rides. Check with your employer if they are enrolled in the Home Free Guarantee benefit program.





