



Traffic Busters of Calabasas

Make Plans Now For School Commuting

It's never too early or late to make your commuting arrangements for the 2005-2006 school year! The first few weeks of school are hectic; a little pre-planning now can greatly relieve the transportation aspect of your school year.

Consider these alternatives to driving your children alone in your car every day:

Bus Service – The school district contracts with Durham Transportation to provide school bus transportation to the area schools. The City of Calabasas subsidizes this service for Calabasas residents, it is an economical alternative to pick up and drop off in bumper-to-bumper traffic every day! The flyers come out over the summer with cost, route and timing information. The service is very reliable and easy to use. Please go the City of Calabasas website for a Bus Pass Application Package: Bus Pass Application, Student Emergency Transportation Card and Bus Schedule.

Walking Pools – This is a great option for those living close by the school. Parking off site is a great option for those students living farther away but enthusiastic about participating in Walk to School programs. Organize neighborhood groups for children to walk to school together; it is a healthier alternative to driving short distances to school. Parent volunteers are encouraged to accompany the younger walking pools providing a safe, happy walk to school.

Carpooling – Look out for the carpool binder at the school's office to organize and apply to be in a carpool, all you need to do is express an interest! Talk with other parents in your neighborhood that are on similar schedules or attend the same school. Carpooling schedules can be flexible to meet everyone's needs.

City of Calabasas Shuttle – The City offers a free public transit shuttle service intended to be a supplemental option to your transportation needs. Bus Schedule information, call: (818) 878-4225 x 289

Good reasons to adopt these alternatives to driving to school alone everyday:

Reducing stress: the less 'stressed out' the parents are, the more carefully they will drive

Reducing time: Fewer vehicles around school at peak hours will save everyone time

Increased safety: Children will have a less congested school campus

Economy: Everyone will save gas, wear and tear on their vehicle

Teamwork and cooperation: Good values to teach children

Environmentally friendly: Save the environment by reducing stagnant vehicle emissions around our children.