

Casual Carpooling Etiquette

Agree on some *rules* to enjoy the *ride*



Reimbursement

Make sure to decide reimbursement costs in advance. If there is a permanent vehicle and driver, make sure to establish this amount based on fuel as well as the maintenance of the car. Decide when fares will be collected and be on time!

Cost Per Mile

Type of Vehicle	Small Sedan*	Medium Sedan**	Large Sedan***	4WD Sport Utility Vehicle	Minivan
Gas	11.46 cents	15.08 cents	16.8 cents	19.4 cents	16.7 cents
Maintenance	4.6 cents	4.92 cents	5.4 cents	5.55 cents	4.86 cents
Tires	.64 cents	1.09 cents	1.28 cents	1.20 cents	.83 cents
Total cost per Mile	16.7 cents	21.09 cents	23.48 cents	26.15 cents	22.39

Adapted from "Your Driving Costs: How much are you really paying to drive?", AAA, 2013

**Chevrolet Cruze, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra and Toyota Corolla*

***Chevrolet Impala, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry*

****Buick LaCrosse, Chrysler 300, Ford Taurus, Nissan Maxima and Toyota Avalon*

Be on time!

Have set pickup times and locations. Be on time and decide what the length of time to wait will be (say 5 minutes and 2 phone calls). Remember that if you're late, you could cause another person to miss important class material or an exam!

No Stopping!

Don't take detours like picking up groceries. Remember that the goal of the carpool is to get to and from school in a timely manner. Of course, you could set up a carpool to go to other places like the grocery store, for example, but that must be agreed upon in advance.

Plan B

Make sure everyone has the contact info of everyone else and that, if a driver is sick, there is a backup plan in place to get to UMBC.

Insurance

It's Maryland law to have your car insured, so that's fairly important. Also, you may want to consider the coverage you carry and ensure that passengers as well as the driver are covered.

Vehicle Maintenance

Did you know that properly maintaining your car, like changing your air filter, increases gas mileage? In addition to regular maintenance, make sure to keep your tires inflated!

Rules of the Road

Drive safely and obey all laws. Remember that by speeding you're wasting gas.

Rules of the Car

Decide on some basic rules for the carpool such as radio usage and volume, smoking, and eating. Regardless of the rules set, remember to be courteous and never distract the driver. Decide on seating arrangements that ensure everyone's comfort. It makes sense to have taller people in the front seat.