



New “SchoolPool” program coming to Franklin Township Schools

In an effort to promote carpooling to school, Franklin Township Community School Corporation is working with Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS) to pilot a SchoolPool program. The SchoolPool program will match potential families that could share rides to schools.

CICS will match families that live within a one-mile radius of one another, and who have children in the same schools. Those families will receive the match lists and then, if they chose, set up their own school carpool, or SchoolPool. Children’s names will be kept confidential, and parent’s information will only be shared among those parents who live close together and have children at the same school. Township parents will receive a letter this week giving them the option of opting out of the SchoolPool program.

“Our goal is to reduce the number of cars dropping off students at schools, and provide parents a way to save time and money.” said Andrew McGee, Outreach Representative with Central Indiana Commuter Services. “By providing this information, we’re empowering parents with another option to get their children to and from school.”

“We have received numerous calls from parents who indicate that they are not aware of how to contact other parents who might be interested in carpooling. This service provides an opportunity to do so”, said Ron Blackgrave, Assistant Superintendent for the school system.

Parents should notify their school if they decide to “opt out” of the program and not have their information included in the database. This notification information needs to be given to the schools by Monday, September 19. Interested persons may opt out or in at any point during the year.