Keep the Earth Beautiful

Riding your bike or walking to schools means less pollution in the environment.

Riding in a carpool saves gas because parents are sharing the driving responsibilities.

Carpooling and riding your bike with others is FUN! You can plan activities, talk about assignments, or find out what your friends did over the weekend.

Ask your parents to help keep the earth clean and green by joining TBARTA's School Commute Program.

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Safe and Convenient School Commuting

Environmentally Friendly Ride, Walk, Bike Matching Options for Students in Grades K-10

Good Reasons to Share the Commute to School

- Provides options for parents
- Reduces car lines and traffic congestion around school
- Saves money on gas and automobile wear and tear
- Promotes safety for students by arriving in a group
- Helps keep the earth clean and beautiful
- Helps you make new friends

TBARTA
Regional School Commute Program

Does your family live within two miles of school where busing is not available or in an area with limited or no busing?

Is your student enrolled in a magnet school and taking multiple or very early bus rides to get to school on time?

Is saving money on gas, wear and tear on your automobile, and waiting in long drop-off, pick-up lines important to you?

TBARTA'S REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMUTE PROGRAM CAN HELP.

TBARTA's Regional School Commute Program is a partnership between participating schools, their Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs) and TBARTA.

Support for the Regional School Commute Program is provided through the Florida Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program, a national initiative that supports improvements for getting children to and from school.

Available across the Tampa Bay region, the program provides free online matching for parents and students for:

- **School Carpooling** – a group of children and parents, or responsible adult over 18, who ride to school together;
- **Walking School Bus** – a group of children walking to school with one or more adults; and
- **Bike Train** – a group of children and parents who ride bicycles to school together with other families.

"There is no better way to encourage students and their families to engage in a lifetime of healthy activities than giving them the experience of walking and biking to school."

– Lauren Marchetti, Director of the National Center for Safe Routes to School

To Register: The School Commute Program webpage: bitly.com/tbarta-school-program is the portal for online registration, program information, and updates.

Registration is open any time and must be redone at the beginning of each school year so information remains current. *All program options require that the responsible parent or adult must be over 18.*

Matching: Once registered, immediate match results are provided to parents based on their home location and school commute. Parents are matched with other parents at their school and can check matches at their convenience, as well as printing or emailing results.

Matches increase as more families enroll, and this is key to a successful program.

All information is confidential. TBARTA and your school provide the tools, parents make the arrangements regarding student pick-up times and scheduling after school activities.

Successful Programs: If you are reading this brochure, you are on the way to contributing to a successful program at your school. School commuter programs need motivated parents and families needing transportation options and having an interest in a well-structured program. Familiarity with carpooling is helpful but not required.

At all program phases, TBARTA will provide helpful information. Contact us or your School Program Coordinator with questions.

Promoting the Program

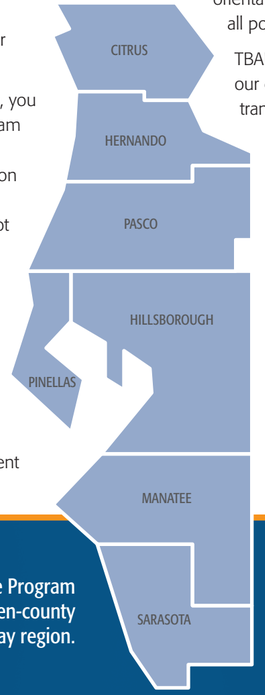
Successful programs need a commitment of support from school administrators and the School District program office, along with active parent participation through your PTA.

Parents and the school community can promote the School Commuter Program by using the communication networks that already exist in the school. Special meetings, back to school orientations, PTSA meetings, newsletters, and websites are all potential promotion outlets.

TBARTA will also help promote the program through our community outreach to school boards and school transportation planning committees, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and their respective committees, and on our School Commute Program webpage.

Let's Get Moving

The TBARTA Regional School Commute Program has operated successfully in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties since 2004. We are pleased to expand this program to the entire Tampa Bay region and look forward to serving you.



TBARTA's School Commute Program serves the seven-county Tampa Bay region.

Visit our School Commute Program webpage bitly.com/tbarta-school-program to sign up or get a program started at your school today!

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