

## Driving Age Student Letter

Dear student of driving age,

Thank you for attending school in the Phoenix Union High School District. As you look around, I am sure you are becoming aware of the traffic congestion and air pollution facing the Valley. As part of this community, we support efforts to reduce air pollution and improve our quality of life. We encourage you, whenever possible, to share the ride to school by carpooling, taking the bus, riding your bike or walking to school.

Our District, like hundreds of other companies in the Valley, is affected by the Maricopa County Trip Reduction Program. The goal of the program is to reduce drive-alone travel to work and school for staff and students. In our effort to comply with the program and to make commuting less stressful and more convenient for you, we offer a number of commute-related incentives. These benefits include:

- Bicycle racks
- Showers for those who bike or walk to school
- An information center with bus, carpooling, high-pollution advisories and more
- Free or reduced bus cards available for students - Please see your community liaison
- Carpool parking spaces available by drawing for students who are registered as an Alternative Mode User - Please visit the front desk of your Administration Building

To take advantage of these benefits and determine your best commute alternatives, please contact your Assistant Principal of Student Opportunities office.

For more information about carpool, vanpool and bicycle matching, please call Valley Metro Rideshare at (602) 253-RIDE. For bus route information, please call Valley Metro Transit Information at (602) 253-5000 or visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org).

Thank you for doing your part to help clean the Valley's air!

Sincerely,

Bryan Henderson

Director of Transportation