



SAMPLE Idle Free Campus Policy

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Background

The exhaust from idling vehicles and school buses poses an unnecessary health risk for children, drivers, and the community at large. In addition to these health risks, idling wastes fuel and impairs air quality.

Statement of Purpose

To protect the health of students and others on school campuses, this policy reduces exposure to vehicle exhaust by limiting unnecessary idling of ALL public and private vehicles, including school buses.

Statement of Policy

Drivers are advised to turn off vehicles when parked on school property and not re-start vehicles until necessary to depart. This policy applies to all vehicles, including:

- Vehicles operated by parents, contracted buses and other visitors to {School/District Name}; and
- Vehicles delivering goods and services to {School/District Name}.

Vehicles owned and operated by {School/District Name}, including school buses are not permitted to idle on school property. Idling of {School/District Name} vehicles when not on school property is restricted by the {school's/district's} Idling Reduction policy for Fleet Vehicles.

Exemptions

The requirement that drivers, including school bus drivers, must turn off the bus and must refrain from idling does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as in cases of extreme hot or cold conditions (e.g., to run the air conditioner or heater under extreme heat or cold).
2. When the heater or air conditioner is required during the unloading, loading, or transport of children with exceptional or special needs.
3. To operate power take-off equipment or auxiliary equipment performing work.
4. When using lift equipment during loading or unloading of children with special needs.
5. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.

Implementation

{School/District} will notify parents and other visitors of this policy by:

1. Posting signage, posters, and/or notices on the premises that are easily seen by parked vehicles.
2. Providing literature on the benefits of not idling.
3. Including the Idle Free Campus message in emails, newsletters, and other forms of communication with parents and visitors to {School/District Name}.

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Signature

Date