

Idle Free Schools

Sample Letter to Delivery Truck Drivers

Dear Driver,

[Insert Name of School] has instituted a vehicle idling policy at the school. All persons operating vehicles at the school should adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ All drivers should turn off engines when they arrive at school and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
- ❖ If idling is necessary for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than 5 minutes.

We are implementing this policy to reduce the students' exposure to air toxics emitted in the exhaust of idling vehicles.

Please find attached a flyer that will provide more information about the importance of idling reduction, which will not only improve the air, but will

save you money in fuel costs.

A typical truck burns approximately one gallon of diesel fuel for each hour it idles and many trucks idle between 4-8 hours a day, which could cost around

\$5K-\$12K/year in wasted fuel per truck.

We have attached a pledge that we are asking you to sign and to return to the school pledging to not idle unnecessarily. We encourage you to eliminate unnecessary idling not only at our school but anywhere you are waiting for more than 10 seconds. This simple change will improve the air our children breathe, as well as the air quality in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your support!

Turn Your Key, Be Idle Free!