

# Idle Free Schools

## Sample Idling Policy for Passenger Vehicles and Delivery Trucks

**School Name:**

**Policy Number: #**

**Effective Date:**

**Applicability:**

This policy applies to all passenger vehicles and delivery trucks at **[Insert Name of School]**

**Rationale**

Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution and emit air toxins, which are pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects. Monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of benzene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and other air toxics during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up their children. Children's lungs are still developing, and when they are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, children have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems and other adverse health effects. Limiting a vehicle's idling time can dramatically reduce these pollutants and the exposure to them.

**Purpose**

Eliminate all unnecessary or avoidable idling by passenger vehicles and delivery trucks at **[Insert Name of School]**.

**Guidance**

1. When waiting for students to be picked up, all engines should be shut off.
2. All drivers should turn off engines when they arrive at school and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
3. If idling is necessary for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than 5 minutes.

**Turn Your Key, Be Idle Free!**