



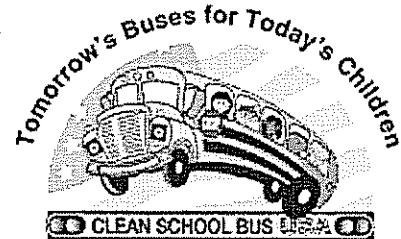
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## Sample Idling Policy

A sample anti-idling policy that could be used to reduce emissions from school bus engines.




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## School Bus Idling Policy

**School District Name**

**Policy Number: #**

**Effective Date:**

**Applicability:**

This policy applies to the operation of every district-owned and/or contracted school bus.

**Rationale**

Diesel exhaust from idling school buses can accumulate in and around the bus and pose a health risk to children, drivers and the community at large. Exposure to diesel exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems. Diesel exhaust also exacerbates asthma and existing allergies, and long-term exposure is thought to increase the risk of lung cancer. Idling buses also waste fuel and financial resources.

**Purpose**

Eliminate all unnecessary idling by [district] school buses such that idling time is minimized in all aspects of school bus operation.

**Guidance**

1. When school bus drivers arrive at loading or unloading areas to drop off or pick up passengers, they should turn off their buses as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions. The school bus should not be restarted until it is ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety, such as:
  - A. Extreme weather conditions
  - B. Idling in traffic

2. At school bus depots, limit the idling time during early morning warm-up to what is recommended by the manufacturer (generally 3-5 minutes) in all but the coldest weather.
3. Buses should not idle while waiting for students during field trips, extracurricular activities or other events where students are transported off school grounds.
4. In colder weather, schools are directed to provide a space inside the school where bus drivers who arrive early can wait.
5. In colder weather, if the warmth of the bus is an issue, idling is to be at a very minimum and occur outside the school zone. The "warmed" bus is to enter the school zone as close to pick-up time as possible to maintain warmth and then shut down.
6. All service delivery vehicles shall turn off the engines while making deliveries to school buildings.
7. Transportation Operations staff are directed to revise bus schedules so that school bus caravanning can be avoided and the cleanest buses assigned to the longest routes.
8. All drivers shall receive a copy of this bulletin at the beginning of every school year.

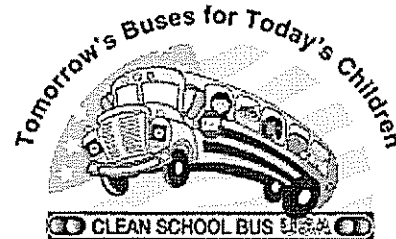


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# Idling Proclamation



[Your City, County or State]                      [Seal]                      [Your Governmental Office]

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Proclamation in Support of Clean School Buses In [County, City or State]

WHEREAS, School buses provide over 24 million children with safe transportation to and from school each day and travel 4 billion miles each year;

WHEREAS, There are approximately 450,000 school buses on the road nationwide, and 390,000 of those buses are diesel;

WHEREAS, Diesel school buses, especially older ones that lack emissions control devices, emit particulate matter and other pollutants in diesel exhaust that can pose health hazards to children;

WHEREAS, These pollutants, when inhaled, may aggravate asthma and allergies or cause other serious health problems for children;

AND WHEREAS, Reduction of school bus idling time can reduce harmful diesel emissions, and save fuel and funds for local school districts;

AND WHEREAS, [Location] has undertaken a diesel idling reduction project in order to reduce diesel emissions and improve air quality;

NOW THEREFORE, I, [Name], [title] of [location] do hereby proclaim:

[Date]

As a Day for

**SCHOOL BUS IDLING REDUCTION AWARENESS**