

## **Sample: Voluntary Anti-Idling Policy for Cars**

Refer to the following guidelines to establish a voluntary anti-idling policy for carpoolers. Consider including the policy in the student/parent handbook and on the school Web site.

- Policy Template:
- (School's name) has established a voluntary 'anti-idling' policy.
- We ask that drivers turn off their engines while waiting in their cars to pick up students or adults, weather permitting.
- We hope to reduce respiratory problems for our students and staff and improve the air quality around our school.
- Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!

## **Sample: Mandatory Anti-Idling Policy for School Buses**

Refer to the following guidelines to establish a mandatory anti-idling policy for school buses in your school or district. Consider including the policy in the student/parent handbook and on the school's Web site.

- Anti-Idling Guidelines/Policy Template:
- (School / district name) has established a mandatory 'anti-idling' policy for school buses.
- When a school bus is waiting for students to load or unload, the bus engine should be turned off to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions.
- The school bus should not be restarted until the driver is ready to depart. It is not necessary to warm up the engine longer than three to four minutes. If this is a problem because of cold weather or the age of the bus, a block heater can be used to help warm the engine (as advised by the Environmental Protection Agency).
- Please follow all other state anti- idling laws and guidelines.
- We hope to reduce respiratory problems for our students and staff and improve the air quality around our school.
- Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!



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