Personal Vehicle No Idling Policy for Schools

Applicability

This policy applies to the operation of any vehicle on school property.

Rationale

Exhaust from idling vehicles can accumulate and pose a health risk to faculty, students and drivers. Exposure to exhaust can cause lung damage, respiratory problems and increase the risk of lung cancer, especially in young children. Also, exhaust exacerbates asthma and existing allergies in young children. Idling vehicles waste fuel and contribute to climate change and ground level ozone. Overall, idling is detrimental for individual health, the economy and the environment.

Purpose

Minimize or eliminate idling time on school property.

Guidance

Enforce drivers to turn off their vehicles when they arrive at loading or unloading areas and to drop off or pick up passengers. Vehicles should not be turned on until ready for departure. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety such as extreme weather. Other exceptions include emergency vehicles and vehicles that have to be on to operate.