



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Maryland's Idling Education Campaign





Idling Program

The Maryland Department of the Environment focused on idling to address two important issues:

- **Emissions: NOx, PM, CO2**
- **Health: Respiratory issues such as asthma**



Idling Program Approach

The Maryland Department of the Environment is committed to bringing together citizens, the trucking industry, schools and educational institutions, and other stakeholders to realize that **five minutes matter when you needlessly idle your engine.**



Idling Program Approach

Three audiences

General Public

Trucking Industry

Schools



General Public

- Development of fact sheets and related materials for distribution
- Social media campaign
- Online presence at MDE with additional materials—interactive and text
- Information available is general plus there are overlaps with trucking and school audiences



Trucking Industry

Partnering with Maryland Motor Truck Association

- Co-development of program to reach drivers, companies, and fleets
- Launch of program in November, 2017
- Participation in annual Truck Driving Championships event at MD State Fairground
- Social media messaging through MMTA using information and trivia questions
- MDE is continuing to work on specific materials for this group



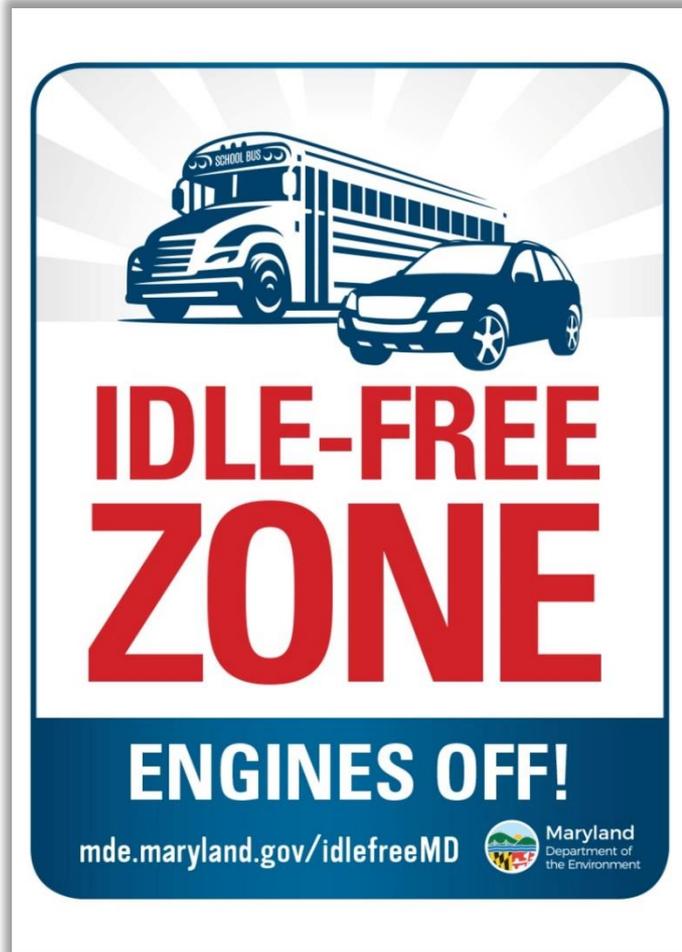
Schools

Partnering with Maryland State Dept of Education

- Working on program for students, staff, parents, delivery drivers and community
- Development of classroom materials and curriculum
- Encouraging school participation with pledges for schools and parents to sign
- Participating schools receive metal signs, window decals, and certificate, plus online acknowledgement
- Coordination with Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE)—had September training



What Do Schools Get?



- 18" x 24" metal sign for campus
- Window decal(s) for front of school or office



Green Certification & Literacy Standards

- Fulfills 2.6 of MAEEOE “Responsible Transportation” requirements.
- Maryland Green Schools' environmental efforts can be used as a platform to apply for U.S. Green Ribbon School recognition.
- Schools may also joint certify with Eco-Schools USA as they work towards Maryland Green School status.



Idle Free MD Web Site

MDE's Idle Free MD site provides information and resources for the general public about idle reduction as well as a new section for schools.

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Idle Free Maryland Campaign

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We can all play a part in helping to clean Maryland's air. Vehicle idling results in emissions of carbon dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide - all pollutants that harm the environment. Additionally, idling represents a significant health issue for children and people with existing respiratory issues like asthma and emphysema. Because of these reasons, many states have identified idling as an important issue that needs to be addressed.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is committed to bringing together citizens, the trucking industry, schools and educational institutions, and other stakeholders to realize that five minutes matter when you needlessly idle your engine.

Our Idle Free MD program is just getting started. Check back often for updates or sign up to join our mailing list.



Idle Free MD Web Site

This part of the program's home page lists the materials available for schools and other audiences.

IdleFree MD Toolkit

The Idle Free MD toolkit materials below are available for anyone to use and free of copyright restrictions.

- [Resources for Maryland Communities](#)
 - [Logos](#)
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Resources for Maryland Communities

Logos



[Idle Free MD](#) (1800 x 2027 pixel
PNG Image)

[Idle Free MD](#) (1800 x 2027 pixel
JPG Image)

[Idle Free MD](#) (2-1/4 x 3-1/2 inch Zip
file of an EPS image)



General Materials Online

IDLE REDUCTION FACT SHEET



THE EFFECTS OF IDLING ON MARYLAND COMMUNITIES

HEALTH RISKS

According to the Clean Air Act, idling causes more than 300,000 deaths annually each year. See the effects of air pollution: large emitters that have ground-level ozone can lead to a variety of serious health conditions. That's why it's important to be aware of how idling impacts your area and how you can help reduce it.

- On average, counties as pollutants that can cause cancer, respiratory issues, reproductive effects, birth defects, and other serious diseases.
- One result of idling is that more carbon monoxide than three adults at cigarettes.
- Exposure to vehicle exhaust increases the risk of death from heart and lung disease.
- On most highways, 10 percent more air can pollute the air. Because of that, breathing, coughing and higher breathing rates, or pollution is especially dangerous to children.
- On roads, idling is the number one source of air pollution. It's the number one source of air pollution. It's the number one source of air pollution. It's the number one source of air pollution.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Idling doesn't just affect a car's air quality. It also affects the environment. Idling causes air pollution, which can lead to smog, global warming, and other serious health conditions. That's why it's important to be aware of how idling impacts your area and how you can help reduce it.

- One gallon of fuel burned emits about 22 pounds of carbon dioxide and releases varying levels of nitrogen into the atmosphere.
- Clear the outside of a year. One car idling for just five minutes each day can emit as much as 10 pounds of harmful pollutants and about 200 pounds of carbon dioxide.
- Excess nitrogen can lead to the growth of algae blooms in the bay, which can harm marine life and cause "dead zones" that suffocate marine life.
- About 100,000 tons of nitrogen from the Chesapeake Bay come from the air.
- Airborne nitrogen is one of the largest sources of pollution affecting the Chesapeake Bay and its fisheries. Run water quality affects endangered bay gobies, blue crabs, oysters, and fish species.

WASTE AND COST

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IDLE REDUCTION AND YOU



IDLING WASTES MONEY, IMPACTS HEALTH AND AFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REDUCE IDLING SO EVERYONE CAN HELP KEEP MARYLAND COMMUNITIES THRIVING.

WHAT IS IDLING?

Idling is when a vehicle is left running unnecessarily while stopped. It occurs while an engine is on, but the vehicle is not otherwise in use or operation.

HOW LONG IS IT OK TO IDLE?

In Maryland, you're not legally allowed to idle longer than five minutes. However, engine oil benefits from being turned off after just 10 seconds. And since idling emits pollutants that are harmful to lungs, the less you idle, the better.

IS IDLING SAFE IF NO ONE IS NEAR THE VEHICLE?

Idling puts everyone inside of the vehicle at risk by exposing them to a much higher concentration of pollutants than a car in motion. It also impacts air quality and the environment.

WILL CHANGING MY BEHAVIOR REALLY MAKE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE?

When it comes to idling, even the smallest changes make a big difference. More drivers aren't aware of how much they idle or how even small changes can make a big difference.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED ON AN IDLE REDUCTION PLAN?

Start by simply being aware. Pay attention to your own idling patterns and make lifestyle changes to avoid idling.

WHAT IF I AM LEAVING OR UNLOADING CARGO OR PASSENGERS?

There's no benefit to leaving your vehicle running during these activities. Turn your engine off to avoid emitting fumes to ground-level exhaust fumes.

SHOULD I WARM UP MY ENGINE BEFORE I START DRIVING?

Today's electronic engines don't need to warm up—even in the winter. Avoid warming the engine and begin driving right after you start your car.

WHAT IF I WANT TO HEAT UP THE CABIN FIRST?

A vehicle in motion will deliver warm air to the cabin faster than one that's idling.

HOW ELSE CAN I AVOID IDLING?

Avoid idling in the driveway and go inside instead. Waiting for passengers, stopping for mail, and putting your car in a parking garage are other activities that don't have to include idling.

HOW CAN I GET OTHERS TO START THINKING ABOUT IDLE REDUCTION?

Talk to the people in your life about why idling is important. Make recognizing the opportunities for idle reduction a team effort when you take daily orders. Visit mde.maryland.gov/idlefreeMD for resources to help you start the conversation.



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General idling factsheets



General Materials Online

THE BENEFITS OF IDLE REDUCTION **IDLE FREE MD**

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- REDUCED LEVELS OF CO₂ AND NITROGEN IN THE ATMOSPHERE
- HEALTHIER LAND AND MARINE LIFE IN AND AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

HEALTH BENEFITS

- CLEANER AIR WITH LESS GROUND LEVEL OZONE
- LOWER RISK FROM POLLUTANTS THAT MAY CAUSE ASTHMA AND OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- REDUCTION IN FUEL CONSUMPTION AND ENGINE WEAR
- LESS TIME AND MONEY SPENT AT THE PUMP AND A LONGER ENGINE LIFE

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IDLING'S IMPACT ON MARYLAND COMMUNITIES

CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK

- TRUCKS/COMBIS/TRACTORS/PART-LADERS CAN CAUSE CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS
- CHILDREN ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FROM THE HEALTHY EFFECTS OF EXHAUST
- THE AMOUNT OF CO₂ PRODUCED FROM IDLING IS EQUIVALENT TO 3 PACKS OF CIGARETTES

HARMS THE ENVIRONMENT

- ANIMALS ARE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORTE MARINE LIFE IN THE BAY
- ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE CRAB IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMES FROM AIR POLLUTION
- TRUCKS/COMBIS/TRACTORS/PART-LADERS EACH YEAR USE 250 GALLONS OF FUEL

WASTES MONEY AND FUEL

- THE MAJORITY OF IDLING AIDS THE SPREAD AND RISK OF GAS FROM ALL OF IDLING
- TRUCKS/COMBIS/TRACTORS/PART-LADERS CAUSE A 25% INCREASE IN FUEL CONSUMPTION
- TRUCKS/COMBIS/TRACTORS/PART-LADERS BURN ABOUT 6 BILLION GALLONS OF FUEL EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.

[Visit mde.maryland.gov/idlefreeMD to get started!](http://mde.maryland.gov/idlefreeMD)

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Infographic posters that can be printed or used electronically



General Materials Online

Facebook factsheet
and posts

SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT IDLE REDUCTION THROUGH FACEBOOK **IDLE FREE MD**

SUGGESTIONS FOR USERS OF ALL LEVELS OF FACEBOOK EXPERTISE



Please follow **IDLE FREE MD** to stay connected and use **#IdleFreeMD** when adapting to and communicating with Twitter and other social media platforms.

The following recommendations are intended to spread the word through social media about idling and its effect on Maryland commuters. Everyone is encouraged to implement as few or as many of the suggestions as they feel comfortable with and adapt them for other social media outlets. Idle-Free MD targets the following audiences:

Maryland Commuters	Motor Transportation Industry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motorists and pedestrians 2. Community and neighborhood groups, organizations and legislators 3. Schools, parents and students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Trucking companies and other businesses in the vehicle fleets 5. Trucking and other motor transportation associations 6. Truck drivers

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VEHICLE IDLING

WASTES MONEY AND FUEL

IDLING WASTES ABOUT 6 BILLION GALLONS OF FUEL EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.



VEHICLE IDLING

CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK

CHILDREN ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FROM THE HAZARDS OF EXHAUST



VEHICLE IDLING

CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK

ONE MINUTE OF IDLING PRODUCES MORE CARBON MONOXIDE THAN 3 PACKS OF CIGARETTES

VEHICLE IDLING

HARMS THE ENVIRONMENT

ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE NITROGEN IN THE BAY COMES FROM AIR POLLUTION



VEHICLE IDLING

WASTES MONEY AND FUEL

IDLING LEAVES RESIDUE ON SPARK PLUGS THAT CAN CAUSE A 5% INCREASE IN FUEL CONSUMPTION



VEHICLE IDLING

CREATES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK

EXHAUST CONTAINS POLLUTANTS THAT CAUSE CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS



VEHICLE IDLING

WASTES MONEY AND FUEL

TWO MINUTES OF IDLING USES THE SAME AMOUNT OF GAS AS ONE MILE OF DRIVING



VEHICLE IDLING

HARMS THE ENVIRONMENT

AIR POLLUTANTS SUFFOCATE MARINE LIFE IN THE BAY





Trucking Materials Online

IDLE REDUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS

IDLE FREE MD

IDLING WASTES MONEY, IMPACTS HEALTH AND AFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR DRIVERS TO RECOGNIZE IDLING'S IMPACT ON MARYLAND COMMUNITIES.



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HOW LONG IS IT OK TO IDLE?
In Maryland, drivers are not legally allowed to idle longer than five minutes. However, engines can benefit from being turned off as soon as possible. And since idling costs significantly more than it takes to bring the fuel down the line.

IS IDLING SAFE IF NO ONE IS NEAR THE VEHICLE?
Idling puts drivers at risk by keeping them exposed to a much higher concentration of pollutants than when their vehicle is in motion. It also impacts air quality and the environment.

WILL CHANGING MY BEHAVIOR REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Just when it comes to idling, the number of other Maryland drivers aren't even aware of how much they idle. Small changes through the course of their day can make a big difference. Idle reduction can also save money on fuel and maintenance while protecting the life span of the vehicle.

WHAT IF I WANT TO HEAT THE CABIN FIRST?
A vehicle in motion will warm up faster than one that's idling.

HOW CAN I START AN IDLE REDUCTION PLAN?
Start by simply being aware. Pay attention to your own idling patterns and make always changes to avoid idling.

WHAT ABOUT WHILE LOADING OR UNLOADING CARGO OR PASSENGERS?
There's no benefit to leaving an engine running during any activity that doesn't require it to be on. Drivers should turn engines off to avoid expiring tags to ground-level exhaust fumes during these activities.

HOW ELSE CAN I AVOID IDLING?
Avoid idling on unattended vehicle repairs. Preparing for your trip, waiting to load and unload, doing behind-the-wheel, and taking breaks are other activities that don't have to include idling. Take the Pledge to Be Idle Free and show Maryland communities that you are committed to idle reduction.

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IDLE REDUCTION AND THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY

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CAN MY DRIVER REALLY MAKE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE?
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HOW CAN WE GET STARTED?
Establish a policy on idling that encourages drivers to get to and get going when they are in motion. Offer truck idling education and provide training materials to help implement idle reduction policies. The information here can be used to create a program that encourages participation.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP?
Visit the Maryland.gov/idlefreeMD to access material that can be posted on social media and other customer areas at your place of business. Request your representative for idle reduction materials such as stickers, bumper cards, brochures, and handouts. Take the Pledge to Be Idle Free and show Maryland communities that your business is committed to idle reduction.

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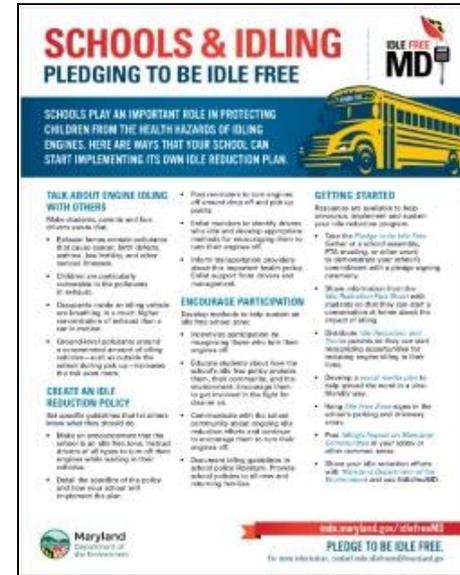
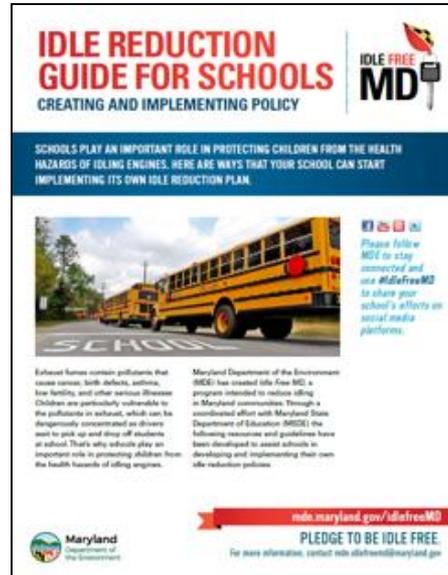
General idling factsheets



School Materials Online



Powerpoint presentation for teacher training or PTA meetings



Program logo

Fact Sheets concerning school idle reduction and creating an idle free policy



School Materials Online

Teacher's Guide to Idle Reduction

Purpose:

To involve students in the effort for cleaner air through idle reduction in their community and to teach students:

- The impact and health risk of idling on Maryland communities
- Steps everyone can take to reduce idling
- The benefits of idle reduction
- The basics of running a campaign
- Soliciting support for a cause
- Calculating results from collected data
- Making presentations

Overview:

Vehicle exhaust contains pollutants that cause cancer, birth defects, asthma, low fertility, and other serious illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants and the risk is even higher around a concentration of idling vehicles—such as during pick up points outside of a school. Yet idling is still an all too common practice in Maryland communities. Therefore, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) with Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) encourages teachers to include your school's idle reduction efforts into classroom learning opportunities.

Making idle reduction a classroom project:

1. Start a conversation with students about the health risks, environmental impact and cost of idling. Post [information](#) about idling in the classroom and discuss the known [facts](#) surrounding the topic.

Pledge to be Idle Free!

Sample Idle-Reduction Policy

School Name:

Policy Number: #

Effective Date:

Applicability:

This policy applies to all passenger vehicles, buses and delivery trucks at [\[insert Name of School\]](#).

Rationale:

Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution and emit pollutants that are known to cause cancer and other serious health conditions. Monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of benzene, formaldehyde, acrolein and other air toxins 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 idling by passenger vehicles, buses and delivery trucks at [\[insert Name of School\]](#).

Guidance:

1. While waiting for students to be picked up, all engines should be turned off.
2. Vehicles should only turn their engines back on when they are ready to depart.
3. During drop-off, students should be prepared to exit the vehicle as soon as possible once it is safely stopped.
4. Delivery trucks should turn off their engines while loading and unloading.
5. Visitors should turn off engines as soon as they arrive at school and any time they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
6. Students should avoid congregating around drop-off and pickup areas.

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Teacher's Guide and sample school policy

Re: School's New Idle Reduction Policy

Dear Bus Drivers at [\[insert Name of School\]](#),

Parents and guardians trust you to transport their most prized possessions to and from school every day. Idling a bus is one of the safest forms of transportation available. As a trusted member of our community, you have the ability to influence the behavior and health of students and their parents.

However, bus exhaust contains pollutants that cause cancer, birth defects, asthma, low fertility, and other serious illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants and the risk is even higher around a concentration of idling vehicles.

Therefore [\[insert Name of School\]](#) has instituted a vehicle idling policy intended to keep students, staff, and families safer. We are asking all drivers to turn off their engines off while waiting for students, and any time they are parked for more than 10 seconds around school grounds.

Did you know that idling pollutes the air, wastes fuel, and causes excess engine wear?

- Idling school buses can **pollute** air in and around the bus, and the exhaust can enter school buildings through air intakes, doors, and open windows.
- Idling buses **waste fuel and money**. School districts that eliminate unnecessary idling can save significant dollars in fuel costs each year.
- Extended idling **causes engine damage**.

As important members of the [\[insert Name of School\]](#) community, we are asking you to take the pledge to be idle free at [mde.maryland.gov/idlefreeMD](#). Please be receptive if approached by school administration who remind and reward bus drivers about our idle reduction policies. With your help, we can help protect the [\[insert Name of School\]](#) community from the harmful effects of vehicle exhaust.

Thank you for your support!

Pledge to be Idle Free!

Re: School's New Idle Reduction Policy and Campaign

Dear Teachers and Staff at [\[insert Name of School\]](#),

Vehicle exhaust contains pollutants that cause cancer, birth defects, asthma, low fertility, and other serious illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants and the risk is even higher around a concentration of idling vehicles.

Therefore, [\[insert Name of School\]](#) has instituted a vehicle idling policy intended to keep students, staff, and families safer.

To promote support from the school community for our new policy, we are implementing an Idle Free MD campaign from [\[insert a six week timeframe\]](#) and need your help. Here's what you and your students can do to help make it a success:

- Share information from the Idle Reduction Fact Sheet with your students so that they can start a conversation at home about the impact of idling. Educate students about how the school's idle reduction policy protects them, their community, and the environment. Encourage them to get involved in the fight for cleaner air!
- Send Idle Reduction and 100 Home with students to share with their families so everyone can start recognizing the opportunities for idle reduction in their lives.
- Post [Idle360 Impact on Maryland Communities](#) in your classroom to help students recognize that idle reduction is a simple choice that can make a big difference!
- Ask students to encourage the drivers in their lives to take the **Pledge to be Idle Free!**
- Have students give Idle Free MD Decals to drivers that take the pledge. Encourage participants to display the decals on their vehicle's windshield to demonstrate their commitment to clean air with the rest of the school community.
- Track the number of new pledges your class gets and report them to the front office at the end of each week of the campaign.
- Be sure to set a good example at all times and adhere to the school's idle reduction policy yourself. **Turn off your engine any time you are parked for more than 10 seconds.**

With your help, we can help protect the [\[insert Name of School\]](#) community from the harmful effects of vehicle exhaust. Thank you for your support!

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Re: School's New Idle Reduction Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Vehicle exhaust contains pollutants that cause cancer, birth defects, asthma, low fertility, and other serious illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants and the risk is even higher around a concentration of idling vehicles.

Therefore [\[insert Name of School\]](#) has instituted a vehicle idling policy intended to keep students, staff, and families safer. We are asking all drivers to turn off their engines off while waiting for students, and any time they are parked for more than 10 seconds around school grounds.

We encourage you to reduce idling, not only at school, but anywhere you are parked for more than 10 seconds. This simple change will improve the air our children breathe and the air quality in our neighborhoods.

A flyer has been included that details ways you can start to reduce idling in your community. Please review the flyer with your family and take the pledge to be idle free at [mde.maryland.gov/idlefreeMD](#).

Thank you for your support!

Pledge to be Idle Free!

Sample letters to teachers, parents, and bus drivers about new policy



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