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**Sample School Idling Policy for Passenger Vehicles and Delivery Trucks**

**School/School District Name:**

**Policy Number:**

**Effective Date:**

**Applicability:** This policy applies to all passenger vehicles and delivery trucks at (School Name Here)

**Rationale:** Idling vehicles emit air toxins which contribute to air pollution. During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times at schools, air pollution monitoring has indicated that levels of harmful air toxins are elevated. Since the lungs of children are still developing, exposure to air pollution puts kids at an increased risk for the development of asthma, respiratory problems and other health effects. Limiting a vehicle’s idling time can dramatically reduce air pollution and students’ exposure to harmful air toxins.

**Purpose:** Eliminate all unnecessary or avoidable idling by passenger vehicles and delivery trucks at (School Name Here).

**Actions:**

* Parents waiting to pick up students should shut off their engines.
* All delivery drivers should turn-off engines when they arrive at school and plan to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
* If idling is necessary for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than five minutes.