

Here's Why Buses and Cars Shouldn't Idle Outside Our School



Toxic chemicals are emitted from the buses, diesel emissions, and car exhaust.



When children sit in their classrooms or stand in line by the parking area, they are subjected to these emissions. These emissions increase the risk of asthma, lung and heart disease, and are responsible for many cancers



Idling wastes resources and damages the environment. Burning fuel needlessly costs you money.



Idling vehicles can be easily stolen or can cause damage if accidentally put in gear.



Today's buses, trucks and cars do not need to be warmed up, except in extremely cold conditions (below 0° F). In fact, for modern diesel engines idling can actually be harder on the engine than driving down the road. (Info from the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance.)


KSE Eco Action



Please print out several copies of this page including the form below. Get as many adults and kids to sign the form as possible. When you have lots of names (hopefully 100's), set up a meeting with the principal of your school to present him/her with the forms and discuss the issues. If the response is positive, decide on some fundraising activities to pay for no-idling signs.

Dear _____
(Principal's Name)

Please place no idling signs in the school parking lot and bus line up area. Thank you!



1. _____ 7. _____
2. _____ 8. _____
3. _____ 9. _____
4. _____ 10. _____
5. _____ 11. _____
6. _____ 12. _____

