Best Practices for Drivers

Taking Part, Idling Smart

Be conscious of your idling time.

Weather permitting
⇒ Turn engine off when upon arrival at your destination
⇒ Turn engine off when waiting for passengers

Be aware of your surroundings
⇒ Avoid idling near school building entrances/doors and air intakes/vents
⇒ Avoid idling near where children are gathering and could breathe in fumes from emissions

Be mindful of timing
⇒ Be mindful of how long you need to run the engine, if air-conditioning or heat are needed
⇒ If lights are needed, activate them without running the engine and wait until all passengers are loaded and the door is securely shut prior to starting engine

If idling is unavoidable due to weather or another factor
⇒ Park a safe distance (100 feet away or more) from building entrances/doors and air intakes/vents while loading and unloading
⇒ Ensure windows and doors are closed to reduce the chance of emissions entering the vehicle

Avoid bus caravanning (for bus drivers)
⇒ Caravanning, or lining up, closely behind other buses could cause fumes from emissions to enter the bus
⇒ Delayed buses should make sure windows and doors are closed while other buses depart to avoid fumes entering the bus