**Idle Reduction Program**

**Transportation Guidelines for School Districts**

School District Name:

Effective Date:

1. **Purpose.**

To limit unnecessary idling of school buses and other vehicles operating within the school district to:

* Reduce student, staff and driver exposure to harmful emissions from vehicle exhaust,
* Improve air quality and health,
* Increase fuel economy, and
* Decrease operational costs
1. **Definition.**

In this document, “idling” means allowing an engine to run while the motor vehicle is not engaged in forward or reverse motion.

1. **Applicability.**

This document applies to the following vehicles:

1. School buses transporting students at [*insert the name of the school district/school*] that are:
* Owned and operated by the school district, or
* Otherwise contracted for use by the school district to transport students, and
* School buses operating with different engines and fuels (e.g., diesel, propane, gasoline, CNG).
1. Vehicles owned and operated by [*insert the name of the school district/school*] or otherwise contracted for services by the school district, including light duty and/or medium duty vehicles (e.g., delivery trucks, work trucks, white vans).
2. Schools buses and vehicles owned and operated by visiting school districts for special events, including but not limited to sports, tours and visits.
3. **Exemptions**

The limitations to idling do not apply for the period(s) of time during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. Weather. When ambient temperature does not favor efforts to reduce idling:
* Limit idling time of a school bus or vehicle to the minimum time necessary to sufficiently heat or cool before departure (Extreme heat/cold). *[May add information/guidelines to include weather conditions and temperature ranges/guidelines to address more specific circumstance.]* ­­­
1. Traffic. Exemptions to idling of a school bus include normal traffic situations or other traffic-related circumstances, including:
	* Traffic conditions over which the driver has no control,
	* An official traffic control device or signal, and
	* Directions or commands from a police officer or another person otherwise authorized to direct traffic.
2. Safety of Children and Emergencies. I­­dling of a school bus is allowed during emergency situations or other situations involving:
	* Use of equipment during loading or unloading of children with a disability, and/or
	* Use of the bus headlights or four-way flasher warning lights for visibility purposes, and/or
	* Other traffic, safety, or emergency situations.

*May add additional circumstances as necessary to this section based on your school district’s transportation requirements/needs including, but not limited to, school buses/vehicles age, class, engine, and fuel type and additional considerations for students with disabilities.*

Name:

Title:

Signature: