

VEHICLE IDLE REDUCTION

A vehicle idle reduction policy (Board policy, support services 901.5a) is part of good citizenship and promotes positive environmental practices for buses and district vehicles. In an effort to improve fleet fuel efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect staff and students from toxic vehicle exhaust, CRCSD has established the following guidelines to reduce unnecessary idling.

- Staff will minimize idling time on all CRCSD-owned vehicles and follow appropriate operating procedures.
- Privately owned vehicles are encouraged at school drop-off/pick-up sites to reduce emissions by turning off their vehicle.
- Buses arriving at schools to load or unload students are to turn engines off if idling for more than 5 minutes at temperatures between 45-80 degrees.
- CRCSD and private passenger vehicles are encouraged to minimize idle time to 15 minutes in temperatures below 32 degrees.
- Fleets should educate drivers on best practices via training sessions.
- Appropriate signage should be placed at each school's student drop-off/pick-up location.
- Walking, biking, free city transportation for students, school bus, and carpooling to school is strongly encouraged.

Idling exceptions include:

- Temperatures below 32 degrees or above 80 degrees for buses.
- Operating special equipment for disabled persons.

