**[SCHOOL or SCHOOL DISTRICT HEADING]**

Procedure Subject: **IDLING OF VEHICLES**

[School or School District] recognizes that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. Exhaust from motor vehicle emissions may contribute to human health problems, air pollution, and global climate change. In addition, the EPA states monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of air toxics during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up their children. Children’s lungs are still developing, and when they are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, children have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems and other adverse health effects. Limiting a vehicle’s idling time can dramatically reduce these pollutants and children’s exposure to them.

Furthermore, the State of California Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) No. 160 Relative to vehicular air pollution measure encourages motorists to not idle their motor vehicles near places where children congregate.

Subject to exceptions developed by the [Principal or Superintendent], the operators of motor vehicles, other than school buses, shall not allow their vehicles to idle while on school grounds.

The [Principal or Superintendent] shall develop, implement and from time to time review and amend, as appropriate, this procedure.

**Procedures**

1. Signs will be posted to notify the operators of motor vehicles of “limited idling” or “no idling” signs
2. Parents, community members, and teachers will be notified a minimum of three times in the school year of the following:
   * + Engines must be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked on school grounds.
     + Prohibit the use of remote engine starter devices by school staff.
     + Delivery vehicle engines must be turned off during loading or unloading. Where engine idling is needed to facilitate delivery, delivery shall not take place when school is in session, unless approved by the Principal or his/her designee.
     + Vehicle engines used by visiting schools while waiting for students during school sponsored events must be turned off.

Limited idling may be needed for health and safety, such as to operate equipment to accommodate students or vehicle occupants with disabilities or to defrost windshields when required for safe vehicle operation.

**Date Adopted**