

Anti-Idling Poster and Hand-Out Activity:

Be creative! Here's your opportunity to show off your artwork! Draw a picture of a school bus, with fumes coming out of the tail pipe. Here's an example:

What You Need:

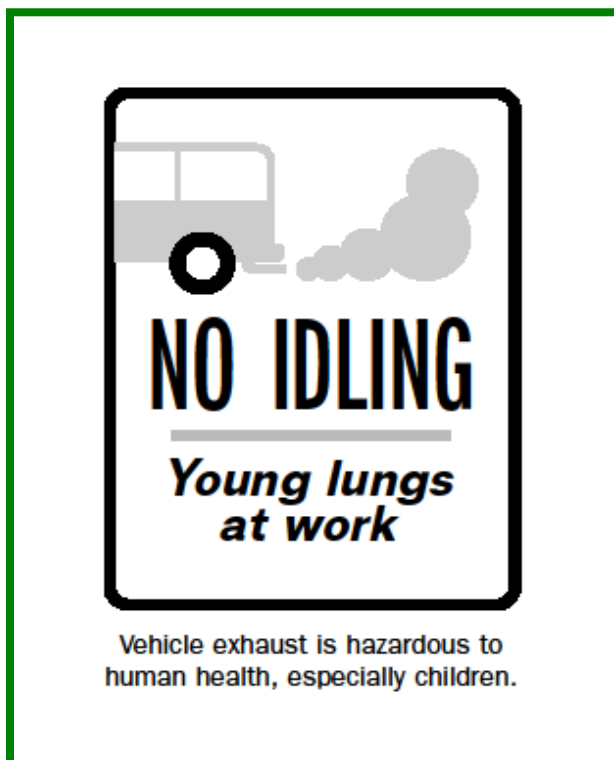
- Heavy poster board – posters can be as big or as small as you like.
- 8-1/2 x 11" copy paper
- Colorful markers
- Tape, String

What You Do:

- Ask the principal if you can display the posters in the parking lot of the school.
- Ask the principal if you can hand out the notices to the school bus drivers.

Sample Hand-Out (printed on both sides of paper):

Side 1:



Side 2:

Please stop idling your vehicle!

Why is idling of vehicles a problem?

- **Vehicle exhaust is hazardous to human health especially children.** Studies have linked pollution from vehicles to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies.
- **Idling wastes resources and damages the environment.** Burning fuel needlessly costs you money and contributes to air pollution problems.
- **Idling vehicles can be easily stolen or can cause damage if accidentally engaged.**
- **Today's cars and buses 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.

For more information on the risks of idling, contact EPA at www.epa.gov/