

No Idling: Little Lungs at Work

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How It Works

- Parents will turn off their engines while waiting for students on school grounds.
- School bus drivers will also eliminate unnecessary idling.

Why We Care

- In metro Atlanta, cars, trucks and buses are a major source of smog-forming emissions.
- Even low amounts of ground-level ozone and particle pollution can cause breathing problems in children and can even decrease the lung function of healthy adults.
- An Atlanta-based study reported a 37% increase in pediatric asthma emergency room visits following days with high ozone levels.
- In 2000, Georgia students missed an estimated 540,000 days of school due to breathing problems.

How You Can Participate

- Sign a No Idling pledge card, and turn off your car in the school's *No Idling Zone*.
- Reduce idling wherever you are. Turn off your car whenever you stop for more than 30 seconds. Every car counts.

Benefits to You, Your Children & Your School

- Less idling reduces harmful smog-forming emissions and creates a healthier community.
- Reduced idling also saves money! Restarting your car uses less fuel than 30 seconds of idling. Less idling also reduces engine wear and tear.

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