

**Tools for Schools
Did You Know...?
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Did you know...that there is a no idle law for school buses and delivery trucks and a no idle policy in the district for cars dropping off and picking up students?

The law states that the operator of any school bus shall not operate the engine for more than **three consecutive minutes** when the school bus is not in motion except:

1. When the school bus is forced to remain motionless because of traffic or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control
2. When the outdoor temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit
3. When it is necessary to maintain a safe temperature for students with special needs
4. When the operator is in the process of receiving or discharging passengers on a public road or public highway
5. Buses should not idle while waiting for students during field trips, extracurricular activities or other events where students are transported off school grounds.
6. All service delivery vehicles must turn off the engines while making deliveries to school buildings. There are no idle signs at every loading dock.

When cars, buses or trucks idle near school buildings, the fumes can enter the school through open windows, doors, and the outdoor air intakes of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems. This can adversely affect the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in these areas.

- Please be mindful of this policy and shut your engines off when dropping off or picking up your child. If you have any concerns about this you can contact a TFS team member at your school. If it is primarily a bus issue, you can contact the district Transportation Coordinator at 203-341-1754. For more information on the law and the Westport No Idling Proclamation go to the District Website - [Tools for Schools – Procedures - Bus Idling Procedure, Public Act Concerning Idling of School Buses, No Idling Proclamation](#)

Did you know that Westport is a NO IDLING town?

Did you know that nearly 40% of CT's Greenhouse gases (GHG) are produced by vehicles and that these GHG contribute to increased incidents of asthma and other health issues in children and adults? And did you know that YOU can do something to decrease Westport's GHG emissions? Westport is asking all drivers to turn their combustion vehicle engines OFF when possible, **especially when waiting for students at the pick-up line.** Help Westport move towards its goal of Net Zero by 2050, when the Town will be truly sustainable for future generations; producing or purchasing renewable energy to match the energy it uses; minimizing energy use in the first place through efficiency measures, education and behavioral changes; and dealing with water and waste management in a way that is sustainable and resilient. This is a first step towards developing a sustainable community where our younger generation will choose to raise *their* families. Please do YOUR part to improve Westport's air quality by not idling your car engine unnecessarily.