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## Congratulations on your new “Idle Free Zone” signs!

We encourage you to post them at your school as soon as possible. Benefits of limiting engine idling include:

- Encourages compliance with West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 4336.
- Protects indoor health – Exhaust from buses, passenger vehicles and delivery trucks, can enter school buildings through air intakes, doors and open windows.
- Saves money in fuel costs – One hour of idling burns approximately ½ gallon of fuel.
- Reduces wear on bus engines – A bus idling for one hour a day during the school year adds the equivalent of 1,260 miles of wear on the engine.
- Saves the air – Diesel engine exhaust contains 40 hazardous air pollutants and small particles that combine with sunlight to cause haze, commonly known as smog.

Some locations where “Idle Free Zone” sign postings may be most effective include:

- School bus drop-off/pick-up areas
- Student drop-off/pick-up areas
- Delivery areas
- Entrance to school grounds
- Athletic fields
- Parking lot of school bus garages

Let us know how your school is doing . . .

Please give us a call or send a quick e-mail to let us know when you've posted your signs. A picture of the sign posted at your school would be great! We'd like to recognize your school on our website —

[www.dep.wv.gov/daq/](http://www.dep.wv.gov/daq/) and choose the Diesel Exhaust Emissions link.

Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions or suggestions.

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