

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33

IDLE- FREE RESOLUTION FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN MARTINEZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling contribute significantly to air pollution, climate change, increased rates of cancer, and heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect health; and

WHEREAS, children whose lungs are still developing are at a higher risk because they breathe more rapidly and inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we protect the health and well being of our children who are the future for our community and Martinez Unified; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling significantly affect the natural environment, air quality and well being of residents, guests and visitors of Martinez Unified; and

WHEREAS, idling a typical vehicle for longer than ten seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions and wasted fuel; and

WHEREAS, every citizen can improve our Martinez Unified School District's air quality by turning off vehicles whenever we are going to idle more than two minutes; and

WHEREAS, education about idle reduction can raise community awareness, encourage our community to develop idle free habits; and

WHEREAS, The Martinez Unified School District Board Of Education, desires to ensure that idling does not occur in idle-frequent locations such as school grounds and school parking lots; and at idle-frequent times such as student pick-up;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Martinez Unified School District Board of Education:

1. NO IDLING GUIDELINES. Martinez Unified School District encourages parents/guardians, students, staff and other individuals within Martinez Unified to not exceed a two-minute idling time in their gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicles. Exceptions to these idling guidelines include the following:
 - A. The vehicle is forced to remain motionless on a public road because of traffic conditions.
 - B. The vehicle is an emergency vehicle used in an emergency situation.
 - C. Vehicle idling is necessary for auxiliary power for law enforcement equipment, refrigeration units, loading/unloading lifts, well drilling and/or farming.
 - D. Vehicle idling is necessary for repair or inspection of the vehicle.
 - E. The health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the vehicle to idle, including instances where the temperature is below 32 degrees F or above 90 degrees F.

This Resolution is not enforceable by citation or fine. Compliance shall be voluntary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th Day of June, 2017 by Martinez Unified School District's Board of Education by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Clerk, Martinez Unified School District
Board of Education