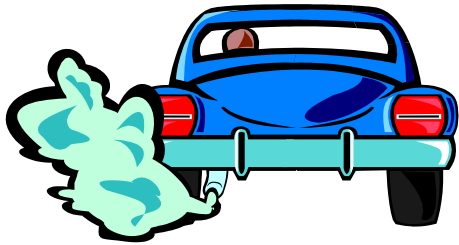


BMP #6

Why Should My School Use Responsible Transportation?

Gas is Non-Renewable

Gas is a product of petroleum (oil). There is only a finite amount of oil in the world. As we use more oil we risk running out. This could lead to oil shortages and riskier drilling practices in more environmentally pristine areas.



Carbon Emissions

Burning fuel to run cars releases Carbon Dioxide. This greenhouse gas is a large contributor to global climate change.

Air Pollution

Cars exhaust contains more than just CO₂. The particulates that are emitted decrease air quality and can cause respiratory problems for the public and your students.



Student Health

Students who walk, bike or take the bus to school are going to be more active than students who are driven to school. This will help keep them be more healthy.

Road and Driveway Wear

With lots of cars dropping students off at school, the school driveway and surrounding roads will wear down faster. This will lead to more roadwork than would occur if student took more responsible transportation.



Reduced Travel Time

Many schools have reported long lines of students in cars being dropped off the morning. This leads to tardiness by the students and also adds time to the parents commute. We've had schools report that after doing a responsible transportation campaign they have had less students tardy to class.

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How Can My School Use Responsible Transportation?



- Create a carpool network for staff and parents.
- Have students walk with Walking School Buses
- Create a No Idle Zone, and enforce it
- Have a competition encouraging students to take responsible transportation to school.
- Start a regular Walk to School Day
- Have a Bike to School Day
- Have a police officer come in and talk to the students about bike and walking safety.
- Preferred parking for teachers who carpool or drive electric or hybrid cars.
- Preferred drop-off for parents who carpool.
- Install Bike Locking stations for students.
- Encourage the school system to see if it can add more buses.
- See if the bus routes are the most sustainable routes possible. If not get students to encourage the county to change them.
- Have students do a letter writing campaign for more sidewalks.
- Have students do a letter writing campaign for more crosswalks.
- Have small prizes for parents who walk to events.



Steps You Can Take At Home

Walk to events that are a mile or less away.

For more information: http://www.maeoe.org/resources/ee_resources.php

