



Schools & School District Toolkit

Every child has a right to breathe clean air. By partnering together through Clean Air Day, schools and school districts can start a new conversation about air pollution, the causes, along with practical steps that can be taken to reduce pollution around our students.

School leaders (parents, teachers, administrators, etc.) are essential partners in improving the air quality at their schools and within their districts. By working collectively, a just a handful of school leaders change the lives and improve the health of tens of thousands of students across the California.

We understand the daily challenges school administrators face and time can be limited. The following guide is designed to help School Districts create tangible steps towards better air quality at local schools. Each step generates better air quality for the students, the faculty and the surrounding communities.

School and School District Resource Guide:

1. Review the clean air action items listed below.
2. Select two to four action items that are appropriate for your school to focus on for Clean Air Day.
3. Complete the Action Plan grid to map out how to implement those actions. Schools can involve the surrounding communities to reach their clean air goals.
4. Have your School District pass the “no idling” resolution.

Ways of reducing air pollution at the school entrance:

1. Stop vehicles from idling near school entrances or parking lots.
2. Set up a Walking/ Biking to School Challenge for Students.
3. Encourage carpooling for those who need to drive.
4. Establish school drop off point away from the main walking route.
5. Reduce the number of deliveries to school and ensure they arrive at non-peak times.

Ways of reducing air pollution on school grounds:

1. Have a no idling policy on school grounds - especially for school buses.
2. Ensure classroom filters are changed on a regular schedule.
3. Have the school maintenance crew replace gas powered lawn mowers with electric lawn mowers.

4. Ensure contractors reduce the impact of building work through limiting use of diesel generators and suppressing dust.
5. For school improvement projects, read paint labels and choose coatings that contain little or no volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
6. Install free [air quality monitors](#).

Ways of promoting clean air on campus:

1. No Vaping Campaign
2. As a school, sign up for air quality alerts. <http://www.ccair.org/our-goals/clear-network/ccas-air-quality-monitoring-network/>
3. Sign up to participate in the Coalition for Clean Air STEM Program. <https://www.ccair.org/our-goals/clear-network/ccas-stem-program/>
4. Promote good health. Talk to students about how their health is affected by poor air quality.

Ways of teaching students civic responsibility regarding Clean Air:

1. Encourage Mayors and other dignitaries to lead a group of walkers to school on Clean Air Day.
2. Encourage students to write to their Mayors about their concern for Air Quality in their communities and steps to improve it.
3. Encourage School Board Members to pass the idle-free school resolutions.
4. Sign up to become a member of the Coalition for Clean Air. www.ccair.org/take-action

ACTION PLAN

Action Item	Timeline	Responsible	Budget
[i.e. Change school maintenance equipment to green equipment.]	[October 2018]	[Vice Principal]	[\$750]