

**The ChildSafe School
New York State Certificate Program Application**

School is a child's second home, a place where they spend up to eight hours a day for many years. During these important developmental years, it is critical that children have a safe and healthy place to learn and play.

ChildSafe Schools in New York State address that need with school policies and practices that ensure reduced exposures and will lead to improved environmental health. Individual schools or school districts that meet or exceed the following criteria are eligible to receive ChildSafe School certificates, suitable for framing. Certificates will be issued for each policy adopted.

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Please read the following criteria for No Vehicle Idling and Green Cleaning carefully and initial if your school or district fully complies. Sign and date the application and be sure to include the name of the sponsoring or advocating organization or individual you wish to be recognized on the certificate.

No Vehicle Idling

- All teachers, staff, parents and transportation personnel (including drivers and monitors) have been notified in writing of the New York State Education Commissioner's "No Idling Regulation" and the reasons supporting it.
- "No Idling" signs have been installed near driveways and bus loading zones.
- "No Idling" dashboard signs have been provided to the Director of Transportation for installation in all buses serving the district or school.

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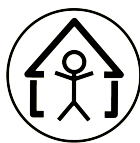
ChildSafe Green Cleaning

- A school building or district “Green Cleaning” policy based on the use of cleaning products that meet or exceed the specifications of the ChildSafe Guidelines for Green Cleaning Products has been adopted.
- Teachers have been supplied with approved general cleaning products for use in classrooms. Parents, teachers, staff members and students are discouraged from bringing in their own products intended to clean, sanitize or disinfect.
- All maintenance/custodial staff have been advised of the policy and have been trained in the proper use of green cleaning products.
- Cleaning and disinfectant products are only used as appropriate; disinfectants are never used when children are present.
- Floor stripping and finishing products are only used over the summer or during school vacations.
- All vendors hired by the school have been advised of the policy, which is referenced in all new procurement contracts and agreements.
- Teachers, staff and parents have been advised of the school's "Green Cleaning" policy and the reasons supporting it.

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Certification and Signature Page

Name of School or District: _____

School or District Address: _____

Name/Position of Contact: _____

Phone (*in case we need to contact you*) _____

I hereby certify that our school or district meets the criteria as indicated above.

(Signature of Principal or Superintendent)

(date)

(Name of parent or other sponsoring group – PLEASE PRINT)

(Signature of parent or sponsor representative)