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## News Release

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### **Guthrie Public Schools and Meridian Technology Center Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Guthrie Public Schools and Meridian Technology Center will be recognized during ceremonies for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. Ceremony information is as follows:

**Guthrie Public Schools** - The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., September 7, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 802 East Vilas Avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

**Meridian Technology Center** - The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m., September 7, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 1312 South Sangre Road, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Guthrie Public Schools and Meridian Technology Center participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Program. Through this program, Guthrie Public Schools used approximately \$49,629.36 in grant funds to retrofit 31 buses with diesel oxidation to meet 2010 emission standards. Meridian Technology Center used approximately \$18,205.75 in grant funds to replace one older model bus with one new 2010 emission standard bus.

In addition, the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program required these schools to implement a policy that limits the amount of time a school bus idles. Unnecessary vehicle idling pollutes the air, wastes fuel, and causes excess engine wear.

More information on the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/cleandiesel/index.html>.

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