

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION
SCHOOL BUS IDLING POLICY**

The Piedmont School District seeks to eliminate all unnecessary idling by school buses, such that idling time is minimized in all aspects of bus operation.

When school bus drivers arrive at loading or unloading areas to drop off or pick up passengers, buses should be turned off as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions. The school bus should not be restarted until it is ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety, such as:

- A. Extreme weather conditions
- B. Idling in traffic.

At school bus depots, limiting the idling time during early morning warm-up to what is recommended by the manufacturer (generally 3-5 minutes) in all but the coldest weather.

Buses should not idle while waiting for students during field trips, extracurricular activities or other events where students are transported off school grounds.