

Board of Education Policy

**IDLING OF SCHOOL BUSES, OTHER SCHOOL VEHICLES AND
PRIVATE VEHICLES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS REGULATION**

Miller Place School District promotes safe schools and safe transportation. In a continuing effort to provide a safe environment for our District students, staff, and residents, and to be in compliance with Federal and State regulations as they pertain to school bus and school vehicle idling, the following regulation will be in effect:

1. Anyone operating a school bus or other school vehicle must turn off the engine (no idling) in the following instances:
 - a. while waiting for passengers to load and unload on school grounds;
 - b. when the vehicle is parked or standing on school grounds, or in front of or adjacent to any school; or
 - c. during sporting and other school events.
2. However, idling may be permitted under the following conditions:
 - a. When necessary to maintain an appropriate temperature for passenger comfort;
 - b. When necessary for mechanical work, or to keep the windshield clear of ice; or
 - c. When necessary during emergencies to operate a wheelchair lift.
3. The policy does not apply if the vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator thereof has no control, or if, the diesel or non-diesel engine is being used to provide power for an auxiliary purpose, such as loading, discharging, mixing or processing cargo.

Privately owned passenger vehicles, including cars, min-vans, pick-up trucks, and SUV's may idle for up to 30 seconds while on school grounds to drop off or pick up students.

The District shall post "no-idling" signs at each school. The District shall otherwise publish this policy and regulation at its discretion, including in any mailing to students and families in the District or in the newspaper.

Reference: Vehicle and Traffic Law §142
Education Law §3637; 8 NYCRR §156.3(h); 6 NYCCR 217 – 3.2
6 NYCCR 217 – 3.3

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