

Title: Vehicle Idling - Regulation

The Board of Directors recognizes that it has a role in reducing environmental pollutants and, in particular, in providing school zones that have very limited diesel fuel emissions from school buses and other District vehicles. The respiratory health of students, staff and others is of utmost importance and accordingly the District has adopted the following procedures related to vehicle idling:

1. When school buses arrive at loading/unloading areas to pick up/drop off students, the drivers are to immediately turn off their buses. The school buses should not be restarted until they are ready to depart the school bus area. The only times the buses should be kept running are in extremely cold weather conditions, when the buses are in traffic at the school sites or when it is necessary to keep the battery system charged when electrical components are being used.
2. While at the contractor's base, the morning warm-up idling time should be limited to what is recommended by the bus manufacturer (generally 3-5 minutes). When temperatures fall below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, additional idling time may be required. This decision will be made by the bus company manager in coordination with the Supervisor of Transportation.
3. Buses should not be allowed to idle while waiting for students during field/activity trips where students are transported off school grounds. The only exception is when extremely cold weather conditions exist. When colder temperatures exist, bus drivers should seek shelter in the school/building where the activity is taking place unless it is necessary to safeguard student/staff belongings on their buses.
4. District diesel-powered vehicles are also expected to comply with this policy during the delivery or maintenance processes.

This policy will become part of the training process with the District's transportation contractor. Every driver will receive a copy of the policy and the subject material will be addressed at a Safety Meeting on an annual basis.

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Cross Reference:

Legal References:

Iowa Code Section 279.8

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