

ANTI-IDLING

- School bus drivers will shut off bus engines upon reaching destination, and buses will not idle for more than five minutes while waiting for passengers. This rule applies to all bus use, including daily route travel, field trips, and transportation to and from athletic events. School buses will not be restarted until they are ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area.
- Prohibit idling of all vehicles for more than five minutes (including all passenger vehicles and delivery trucks) in the school zone AND post appropriate signage.
- School bus companies and drivers will limit idling time during early morning warm-up to manufacturers' recommendations – generally five minutes in all but the coldest weather and for pre-trip inspections.
- Establish provisions for an indoor waiting space for drivers.
- Evaluate and shorten bus routes whenever possible, particularly for older buses with the least effective emissions control.
- All bus drivers will receive a copy of the school District's No Idling Policy or equivalent educational materials at the beginning of every school year.
- Exceptions to this policy are appropriate only to meet state regulations or when running an engine is necessary to operate required safety equipment or perform other functions that require engine-assisted power, e.g., waste-hauling vehicles, handicap accessible vehicles, etc.

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