

SCHOOL BUS ANTI-IDLING

In order to reduce the amount of diesel powered vehicle pollution, the Board of Education shall institute the following procedures which are consistent with applicable state laws and regulations:

- to eliminate unnecessary idling time and reduce harmful emissions, all bus drivers who transport students of the school district to or from school or recreational, educational, or athletic events in diesel powered vehicles will be required to turn off engines when they reach the school or other destination (unless they will be leaving within five minutes). Buses will not idle while waiting for passengers and should not be restarted until ready to depart.
- all bus drivers, including school bus contractors, are to limit the idling time during early morning warm-up to what is recommended by the manufacturer, generally three to five minutes, but no longer than five minutes as required by New York State law.

Certain exceptions to the policy may be made under the following conditions:

- the engine must be running in order to operate safety equipment (i.e., flashing lights, stop arms, etc.)
- the outside temperature is less than 25 degrees F., and the bus has been motionless (engine off) for more than 2 hours.
- there is a need to maintain a safe temperature for students.

Ref: Environmental Conservation Law §§1-0101, 3-0301, 19-0103, 19-0105, 19-0107, 19-0301, 19-0303, 19-0305, 19-0320, 71-2103, 71-2105
Vehicle and Traffic Laws §§301(c), 375.28
6 NYCRR Part 217 (§217-3.2 and 217-3.3)

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