

VEHICLE IDLING

The Board of School Trustees of Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District recognizes that although vehicle idling is necessary in certain circumstances, it poses health risks to the community and consumes financial resources of the District. The Board therefore adopts the following policy to minimize unnecessary vehicle idling on school grounds:

Application

This Policy applies to the operation of any vehicle on Corporation grounds.

Vehicle Idling Time

1. Subject to the exceptions listed below, vehicles should not idle for more than five (5) minutes in areas where vehicle exhaust is likely to be drawn in school buildings (“Designated Area”). The Superintendent or designee may appoint “Designated Areas” where vehicle exhaust is likely to be drawn into school buildings and post notices advising drivers of such areas.
2. Vehicles may idle for longer than five (5) minutes in Designated Areas in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. In temperatures below thirty-two (32) degrees (32°F) and above eighty-five (85) degrees (85°F), idling is permitted to maintain the vehicle’s interior temperature for the comfort and safety of both driver and passengers.
 - b. Idling is permitted to maintain safety or in an emergency, including but not limited to the following situations:
 - (i) using equipment to load and unload students with special needs.
 - (ii) using a defroster on windows before departing.
 - (iii) using headlights or other warning signals.
 - c. Idling is permitted as part of pre-trip safety inspections or if necessary to make vehicle repairs.

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