District Vehicle Idling

The Board of Trustees is committed to transporting students on school buses in a safe manner. Further, the board recognizes accumulated emissions from school buses can be harmful to students, bus drivers, and others in the area of the idling buses. Unnecessary bus or district vehicle idling emits pollutants, wastes fuel, and wastes financial resources.

District Vehicle Idling Times

1. Any bus equipped with an auxiliary heater shall use the heater to provide pre-heated water in the cooling system for starting cold engines as well as providing heat to the passenger compartment during cold weather without running the engine.

2. When school buses arrive at loading and unloading zones to drop off or pick up students, the bus driver should turn off the bus as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions.

3. The bus should not be restarted until it is ready to depart.

4. Buses should not idle, on or off school grounds, for longer than five (5) minutes except during passenger stops and pre-trip inspections. Consideration should be given to varying climate conditions.

5. All district vehicles should follow the above guidelines as applicable.

Reference: Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations

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