

The following procedures are established to eliminate unnecessary idling of school buses:

A. IDLING TIMES

1. Buses should not idle longer than five minutes.
2. The following are considered extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the driver's control for which an exception may be made to the five-minute idling rule.
 - a. The bus is waiting in traffic.
 - b. The bus is loading or unloading students with special needs, as necessary.
 - c. There is a traffic, safety or emergency situation that necessitates idling.
 - d. The bus is undergoing maintenance, mechanical inspections or repair.
 - e. Extreme weather conditions (temperatures of less than 30 degrees Fahrenheit) are present, and the bus is idling for the purpose of warming the interior of the bus.
3. To maintain interior warmth during cold weather, buses should be driven to the school as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible, then turned off while waiting for students to load.

B. BUS PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

1. Buses should not park "nose to tail" when it can be avoided.
2. Buses should not idle while loading or unloading on school grounds or at school-related activities.
3. Buses should not park on school grounds near building air-intake systems, unless alternative parking locations interfere with traffic, impair student safety or are not cost-effective.
4. No bus should be running without the driver being within three feet of the bus.

C. SIGNAGE

To the extent practicable, the principal shall post “no idling” signs to alert bus drivers and parents to turn off vehicles when waiting or parked. The principal shall ensure that parents in carpool lanes are informed of the school’s “no idling” policy.

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