

The Board of Education shall take steps to reduce the idling of school buses and other school vehicles. This policy shall govern the idling of school buses and all other school vehicles.

Anyone operating a school bus or other school vehicle, whether owned, leased, or contracted for by the district, must turn off the engine (no idling) in the following instances:

- while waiting for passengers to load and unload on school grounds;
- when the vehicle is parked or standing on school grounds, or in front of or adjacent to any school; or
- during sporting and other school events.

However, idling may be permitted under the following conditions:

- when necessary to maintain an appropriate temperature for passenger comfort (if auxiliary heaters are not available);
- when necessary for mechanical work, or to keep the windshield clear of ice;
or
- when necessary during emergencies to operate a wheelchair lift.

The district shall provide notice of these requirements to all school personnel within 5 school days after the start of the school year, or within 5 school days of beginning employment in the district.

If the district contracts with private vendors for student transportation services, any such contract entered into on or after July 1, 2008 shall include a provision requiring compliance by the vendor with the state's bus idling laws and regulations and this policy.

When planning field trips and transportation routes, the Board also encourages using newer vehicles that have lower emissions for the longer trips, and using older vehicles for the shorter trips.

Monitoring and Review

The Superintendent of Schools/designee shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with the requirements of law and regulations summarized in this policy.

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