

Motor Vehicle Idling

Vehicles

For the purposes of this regulation, vehicles include non-district owned vehicles operated on district property and district owned and/or contracted/leased school buses, delivery, and maintenance vehicles.

Vehicle Idling Times

"Vehicle idling time" is defined as any time period that the vehicle engine is running while the vehicle is stationary. All vehicles operating on school property shall limit idling time to one minute with the following exceptions:

1. Vehicles waiting in traffic are exempt as long as there is a reasonable expectation that the blocking vehicle(s) will move within one minute.
2. In case of safety or emergency situations (such as natural disasters, fire, medical and other emergencies), vehicles are exempt from this policy.
3. Vehicles loading or unloading students with special needs are permitted to idle if engine assistance is needed for operating loading/unloading equipment.
4. School buses and district-owned vehicles are permitted to idle if necessitated by maintenance, mechanical inspections, or repair.
5. During extreme weather conditions (temperatures less than 30 degrees Fahrenheit) and the purpose is to warm the interior of the bus.

Signs and Policy Communication

To the extent practicable, "no idling" signs will be posted on district property to alert drivers of vehicles to turn off their vehicles when waiting or parking. Signs shall be posted near all locations where vehicle idling is expected to occur, including parking lots, roadside-parking areas, loading docks, and roadways located within 100 feet of school entrances. This information will be posted in a prominent place as well as included in student/parent and staff handbooks to inform students, parents, and staff about the policy.