

Milton-Freewater School District 7

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District Vehicle Idling

District Vehicles

District vehicles includes all district owned and/or contracted/leased school buses, delivery, or maintenance vehicles.

District Vehicle Idling Times

1. When school bus drivers arrive at loading and unloading areas to drop off or pick up passengers, they will turn off their busses as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions.
2. The school bus should not be restarted until it is ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick up/drop off area.
3. School buses will not idle (on school grounds or off school grounds) for longer than 5 minutes unless:
 - a. They are waiting in traffic;
 - b. They are loading/unloading students with special needs;
 - c. There are safety or emergency situations;
 - d. There are maintenance or mechanical inspections or repair; or
 - e. There are extreme weather conditions (temperatures of less than 30 degrees Fahrenheit) and the purpose is to warm the interior of the bus.
4. Transportation staff are directed to revise bus schedules so that school bus caravanning can be avoided and the cleanest buses are assigned to the longest routes.
5. All district service or delivery vehicles shall turn off the engines after arriving to make deliveries to, or perform maintenance of, school buildings.

Signs

To the extent practicable, the principal will post "no idling" signs to alert drivers of district vehicles to turn off their vehicles when waiting or parking. A copy of this administrative regulation shall be posted in a prominent place in district facilities so that all transportation, delivery and maintenance staff can view them with ease.