

Policy 8195: Bus and District Vehicle Idling

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Reading

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The Board recognizes that accumulated emissions from school buses or District vehicles can be harmful to students, bus drivers, and others in the area of the idling buses or District vehicles. Unnecessary bus or district vehicle idling emits pollutants, wastes fuel, and wastes financial resources.

Idling Times

1. When school buses arrive at loading and unloading areas to drop off or pick up passengers, the school bus driver should turn off the bus 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;
3. School buses should not idle, on or off of school grounds, for longer than five minutes unless:
 - A. They are waiting in traffic;
 - B. They are loading or unloading students with special needs;
 - C. There are safety or emergency situations;
 - D. The driver is in the process of receiving or discharging passengers on a public highway or public road;
 - E. There are maintenance or mechanical situations, inspections, or repair; or
 - F. There are extreme weather conditions and the purpose is to warm the interior of the bus.
4. All District vehicles should follow the above guidelines as applicable.

Supporting Links

Idaho SBE Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations - <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-transportation/files/forms-lists/regulations/SISBO-Manual.pdf>