

**SCHOOL BUS IDLING**

A. **Idling** – means the operation of an engine when the accelerator is fully released and there is no load on the engine.

B. **General**

1. No school bus driver shall cause or allow the engine of any school bus subject to this section to idle prior to, during layover between, at the destination of, or at the conclusion of, any trip or route for more than five (5) consecutive minutes.
2. No school bus driver shall cause or allow the engine of a school bus subject to this section to be accelerated while idling, unless such action is taken in order to operate other equipment.
3. A school bus driver shall not park or idle a bus within 100 feet from a known and active school air intake system, unless the school district has determined that alternative locations block traffic, impair student safety or are not cost effective.
4. Each driver of a school bus shall be instructed annually regarding this policy.

C. **Exemptions** This section does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. When the engine is powering an auxiliary function such as loading or unloading students; or
2. When running the engine is required for maintenance; or
3. When fire, police, utility or other vehicles are performing emergency services; or
4. To maintain an appropriate temperature for passengers.

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