

The following procedures are established to eliminate unnecessary idling of school buses:

A. GENERAL DRIVER PROCEDURES

All school/activity bus drivers shall comply with the following:

1. Conduct a pre-trip inspection of the bus.
2. Clean the needed windows and mirrors.
3. Start the bus.
4. Check other items as required.
5. When the oil and air pressure reach their normal operating range, begin the bus run/trip.
6. No warm-up time is allowed for school/activity buses (i.e., buses are prohibited from idling longer than five minutes, except in extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the bus driver's control).
7. Buses are prohibited from any unnecessary idling on school grounds.

B. IDLING TIMES

1. Buses should not idle longer than five minutes.
2. The following are considered extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the driver's control for which an exception may be made to the five-minute idling rule.
 - a. The bus is waiting in traffic.
 - b. The bus is loading or unloading students with special needs, as necessary.
 - c. There is a traffic, safety or emergency situation that necessitates idling.
 - d. The bus is undergoing maintenance, mechanical inspections or repair.
 - e. Extreme weather conditions (temperatures of less than 30 degrees Fahrenheit) are present, and the bus is idling for the purpose of warming the interior of the bus.

Cross References: School Bus Idling (policy 6306)

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