

IDLING OF BUSES

The Slate Valley Unified Union School District in concern for the safety and health of students and staff are aware that fuel emissions frequently pervade various portions of the building when school.

Therefore, the Slate Valley Unified Union School District enacts the following policy relating to school buses:

The following definitions shall apply to these rules:

"School Bus" includes all vehicles operated by or for the district for the purpose of transporting the district's students to or from school or school-related activities, whether the vehicles are owned by the district or contracted from vendors.

"School Grounds" includes any area adjacent to school buildings and used at any time for school-related activities, including parking lots, playing fields, and driveways.

"Idling" means the primary propulsion engine is running while the vehicle is stationary.

The operator of a school bus:

- Shall turn off the primary propulsion engine immediately upon arrival at student loading or unloading areas on school grounds, and shall not restart the engine until the bus is loaded or unloaded and is ready to depart; and

- Shall not otherwise idle the bus engine for more than five (5) minutes in a sixty (60) minute period on school grounds.

- All school buses will warm up their engines away from the school.

- All delivery vehicles, servicing the school will turn off their engines while deliveries are underway.

- Schools will provide an indoor waiting space for drivers who arrive early. This will ensure that drivers can stay warm without idling their buses.

- All drivers will receive a copy of this policy.

The provisions of this rule shall not apply under the following conditions:

- When the engine is required to operate special equipment for disabled persons.

- When the engine is required to operate safety equipment other than lighting systems, such as windshield defrosters, heaters, or cooling equipment, and the operation of the auxiliary equipment is necessary at the time to address specific safety, traffic, health, or emergency concerns and

- When the vehicle is being serviced, maintained and inspected and the operation of the engine is essential to the service being performed.

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