

IDLING PROHIBITION FOR BUSES AND OTHER SCHOOL VEHICLES

The Board of Education recognizes the need to promote the health and safety of District students and staff and to protect the environment from harmful emissions found in bus and vehicle exhaust. In accordance with Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations, the District will minimize, to the extent practical, the idling of all school buses and other vehicles owned or leased by the District while such bus or vehicle is parked or standing on school grounds or in front of any school. This policy also applies to contractor owned and operated school buses under contract with the District.

Anyone operating a school bus or other school vehicle, whether owned, leased, or contracted for by the District, must turn off the engine (no idling) in the following instances:

- while waiting for passengers to load and unload on school grounds;
- when the vehicle is parked or standing on school grounds, or in front of or adjacent to any school; or
- during sporting and other school events

However, idling may be permitted under the following condition:

- when necessary to maintain an appropriate temperature for passenger comfort (if auxiliary heaters are not available);
- when necessary for mechanical work, or to keep the windshield free of ice; or
- when necessary during emergencies or to operate a wheelchair lift.

The District shall provide notice of these requirements to all appropriate school personnel within 5 school days after the start of the school year, or within 5 school days of beginning employment in the District.

All contracts for pupil transportation services between the District and a private vendor that are entered into on or after September 1, 2012, shall include a provision requiring such vendor's compliance with the provisions of reducing idling in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations Section 156.3(h).

Education Law Section 3637
Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 142
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 156.3(h)

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