

Concord School District Policy #713

Anti-Idling

1. School bus drivers will shut off bus engines upon reaching their destination, and buses will not idle for more than five minutes while waiting for passengers. This rule applies to all bus use, including daily route travel, field trips, and transportation to and from athletic events. School buses will not be restarted until they are ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area.
2. All vehicles, including all passenger vehicles and delivery trucks, are prohibited from idling for more than five minutes in a school zone. The District will post appropriate signage.
3. School bus companies and drivers will limit idling time during early morning warm-up to manufacturers' recommendations – generally 5 minutes in all but the coldest weather and for pre-trip safety inspections. In cold weather, the District will follow State of New Hampshire guidelines for idling time limits.
4. The District will provide indoor waiting spaces or otherwise make arrangements for drivers as needed.
5. Transportation operations staff will evaluate and shorten bus routes whenever possible, particularly for older buses with the least effective emissions control.
6. All bus drivers will receive a copy of this Anti-Idling Policy or equivalent educational materials at the beginning of every school year.
7. Exceptions to this policy are granted only to meet state regulations or when running an engine is necessary to operate required safety equipment or perform other functions that require engine-assisted power, e.g. waste hauling vehicles, accessible vehicles, etc.

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