

VEHICLE IDLING

Background

The District recognizes that emissions that accumulate from school buses, District vehicles and other vehicles on school property can be harmful to students, staff and the environment. Unnecessary idling by school buses and other District vehicles wastes fuel and financial resources.

Definition

Idling is defined as the operation of a vehicle engine while the vehicle is not in motion and is not being used to operate auxiliary equipment that is essential to the basic operation of the vehicle.

Procedures

1. The District prohibits unnecessary idling by school buses and other vehicles that are owned or operated by the District, and requires that all such vehicles have their engines turned off after three minutes of idling.
2. Further, the District will continue efforts to encourage visitors to be mindful of the environmental and health concerns about vehicle idling, especially in “passenger” zones or vehicle line-ups, and also asks visitors to turn their vehicle engines off after three minutes of idling.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Health Act
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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