

E-28 VEHICLE IDLING

This policy is to limit vehicle emissions that might be brought into school buildings as mandated by 410 IAC 33-4-3. This will improve the health of students and staff through reduced exposure to these emissions.

This policy applies to all public and private vehicles on the school campuses. The schools shall post signs in areas where idling is prohibited.

Requirements

- a. Drivers of vehicles are to turn off the engine if the vehicle is to be stopped more than 5 minutes. (Engine cool down periods recommended by vehicle manufacturer may be followed.)
- b. The employer of the bus driver shall inform the bus driver of these requirements.
- c. Teachers and school staff shall be informed of this policy at the start of each school year.
- d. During student / parent orientations, parents, and all students shall be informed on this policy.
- e. Any complaints of non-compliance are to be filed with the Superintendent's office.
- f. Any complaints of non-compliance will be reviewed and action taken as necessary.

Exemptions

1. Safety of Children or Emergencies
 - a. Use of lift equipment during loading or unloading of individuals with special needs.
 - b. Use of heater or air conditioning during loading or unloading of individuals with special needs.
 - c. Use of defrosters, heaters, air conditioners, or any other equipment for health or safety concerns.
 - d. Use of bus headlights or flasher warning lights for safety or visibility purposes.
 - e. For other safety or emergency issues.
2. Hot or Cold Weather
 - a. If bus drivers are at a location more than 15 minutes, a waiting area be provided for their use after turning off the bus engine.
 - b. From first student day of school to last student day of school if necessary and the bus has air conditioning, the bus may idle for a minimal period to cool the bus prior to loading, or while students remain on the bus.
 - c. If necessary due to cold temperatures, a vehicle may idle for a minimal time to warm the vehicle.

3. Maintenance Operations

- a. (When possible, maintenance operations should not be conducted within 100 feet of a school building housing classrooms.) Buses may idle as necessary as part of a pre-trip safety inspection.
- b. If necessary to make emergency repairs to vehicles. (for example jump starting another vehicle)

SOURCE: Plainfield Community School Corporation
Plainfield, IN

ADOPTED: 10/13/11