

IDLING OF SCHOOL BUSES AND PRIVATE VEHICLES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS REGULATION

Bethlehem Central School District promotes safe schools and safe transportation. In a continuing effort to provide a safe environment for our district students, staff and residents and to be in compliance with federal and state regulations as they pertain to school bus idling, the following regulation will be in effect:

1. All buses will be shut off while waiting for passengers to load and offload at school yards.
2. When arriving at school location, all buses must shut off their engines as soon as practical, especially if buses must wait with student onboard before they disembark.
3. When necessary for heating and mechanical purposes, when outside temperatures are at 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below, idling time may be increased up to the limits allowed by law.

Privately-owned passenger vehicles, including cars, minivans, pick-up trucks, and SUV's, may idle for up to thirty (30) seconds while on school grounds to drop off or pick up students.

Dissemination

The district's policy and regulation shall be provided to:

1. all district bus drivers and bus garage personnel;
2. all privately-owned bus companies and their drivers hired by the district;
3. every school principal;
4. every school nurse;
5. the District Athletic Director;
6. each union President in the district;
7. all Presidents' Council representatives

The district shall post the policy and regulation at the District Transportation Department and Bus garage as well as post "no-idling" signs at each school. The district shall otherwise publish this policy and regulation at its discretion, including in any mailing to the students and families in the district or in the newspaper.

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