

# NORTHERN LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL BUS IDLING

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	<b>810.1. SCHOOL BUS IDLING</b>
1. Purpose	It is the policy of the Northern Lebanon School District to eliminate all unnecessary idling by school buses and other diesel powered vehicles, thereby reducing exposure by school children to the potentially harmful diesel exhaust fumes.
2. Authority	This policy applies to all district owned and/or contracted school buses and vehicles.
3. Guidelines	<p><u>Control Measures</u></p> <p>Upon arrival at the school loading zone, drivers will turn off the engine and will not restart until time to depart. Should weather conditions necessitate idling the bus, idling will be minimized and will take place outside the student loading zone. The bus will then pull in as close to loading time as possible, turn off engine, load students, restart engine and depart. See Cold Weather Provisions below.</p> <p>In colder weather, all schools will provide a space for bus drivers who arrive early to wait inside the school.</p> <p>Buses will not idle in any manner contrary to this policy while waiting for students on field trips, athletic or extracurricular events, or any trips off school grounds.</p> <p>Loading zones, when possible, will be located at least 100 feet from air intakes, doors, and windows of the school buildings. When this is not possible, school personnel will take steps to limit air intake during loading and unloading times.</p> <p>When possible, buses will use a diagonal parking pattern with the front of the bus toward the school entrance.</p> <p>When possible, transportation office staff will revise bus schedules to avoid school bus caravanning.</p> <p>Service and delivery vehicles will not idle in the school zone. In instances where idling is necessary to facilitate delivery, all deliveries will be scheduled before or after school hours.</p>

All bus drivers and delivery companies will be given notice of this policy at the beginning of each school year. "No-Idling Zone" signs will be placed in visible locations.

Cold Weather Provisions

If the outside temperature is between 32 degrees and -10 degrees Fahrenheit, idling to operate heaters is allowed for up to 15 minutes.

If the outside temperature is below -10 Fahrenheit, there is no time restriction on idling to use heating equipment.