

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	POLICY CODE: EEAB
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NO IDLING POLICY

The safety and welfare of students will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. In an effort to protect students, staff, and drivers from excessive exposure to exhaust emissions, the School Board mandates that all vehicles, including all passenger vehicles and delivery trucks in a school zone, follow the guidelines restricting engine idling time.

1. School bus drivers will shut off bus engines upon reaching 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 areas.
2. All passenger vehicles and delivery trucks are prohibited from idling for more than five minutes.
3. School bus companies and drivers will limit idling time during early morning warm-up to manufacturer's recommendations, generally five minutes in all but the coldest weather and for pre-trip safety inspections
4. School bus companies will evaluate and shorten bus routes whenever possible, particularly for older buses with the least effective emissions control.
5. All bus drivers will receive a copy of the School District's No Idling Policy at the beginning of every school year.
6. Exceptions to this policy are appropriate 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, handicap accessible vehicles, etc.

The School District or independent contractor will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and will make these requirements known to bus drivers.