



IDLING/FUEL USAGE IN VEHICLES

The Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) recognizes the RSU's continuing responsibility to maintain a safe environment for students, staff and citizens in all areas pertaining to school transportation.

The RSUB requires that RSU and/or Contract transportation be maintained and operated in the safest, most environmentally friendly, fiscally-prudent manner possible.

After reviewing the ongoing studies on child inhalation of diesel exhaust, the following procedures will be adhered to by any and all vehicles operated on RSU property:

1. Bus idling will be kept to a minimum at all times, and especially when children are present in the loading area.
2. On any bus that has an "onboard, self-contained heater" installed, that heater will be utilized to preheat the bus if engine warm-up is required, and/or to maintain heat while waiting to load or unload students.
3. NO vehicle waiting to load/unload students will be idled for more than five (5) minutes.
4. NO vehicle will be left running without the driver in the designated drivers' seat.
5. Safety will always take priority.

Building Administrators (BA's) will enforce this Policy whenever violations are observed, however the Transportation Supervisor is responsible for ensuring bus drivers are aware of the reason for this Policy and what is expected of them.

NOTE: Enforcement of items 3 and 4 in regards to personal vehicles will normally consist of a reminder only.

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