

## IDLING REDUCTION POLICY

The School Districts of SAU #7 are working in partnership with the NH Department of Environmental Services to develop an idling reduction policy. In order to protect the health and well being of our students and the entire school community, the School Districts have adopted the following guidelines.

- All drivers should turn off engines when they arrive at school and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
- When waiting for students to be picked up, all engines should be shut off.
- When idling is necessary for heating or mechanical purposes, all drivers should limit idling time according to state regulations (Env-A 1100) as follows:

Outside Temperature (Fahrenheit)	Idling Time Limit
Above 32°	5 Minutes
Between -10° and 32°	15 Minutes
Below - 10°	no limit

Certain exemptions are provided in the state regulations to allow for the practical application of an idling policy. All bus and car drivers are encouraged to use a practical approach when applying these Guidelines and the exemptions to specific situations. Such as:

- School buses loading or unloading passengers may be required to have flashing lights operating which may necessitate idling of the vehicle.
- Some emergency equipment may be required to remain running at all times
- Idling may sometimes be necessary to keep windshields free of ice and frost.

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