



School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

ANTI-IDLING OF ENGINES

Policy No. 3516

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Preamble

The Board of Education is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fuel expense by limiting idling times for all District vehicles/equipment.

Policy

The Board of Education believes that limiting idling times of all District vehicles/equipment can significantly assist in reducing air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and fuel expense which will contribute to our commitment towards healthier work environments and efficient use of School District resources.

Regulations:

Idling of School District vehicles/equipment including school buses shall be limited to one (1) minute, where idling is defined as the operation of the engine of a vehicle while the vehicle is not in motion, with the following exceptions:

1. Shift start up and/or for defrosting, deicing or defogging
2. When the ambient temperature is above 29 degrees Celsius or below -5 degrees Celsius.
3. Vehicles/equipment that remain motionless due to an emergency, traffic or weather conditions, or mechanical difficulties that are beyond the driver's control.
4. Vehicles/equipment assisting in emergency activities or that are using their orange flashing warning lights/beacons.
5. Where idling is required as part of a repair process or to prepare a vehicle for servicing.
6. Vehicles/equipment using lights while stationary during the hours of darkness or inclement weather.
7. While passengers are actively embarking or disembarking.

Anti-idling of vehicles/equipment signage will be posted in appropriate areas throughout the District.