

District: Tupelo Public School District
Section: E - Business Management
Policy Code: EDAH - Idle Reduction for Buses/Bus Idling

BOARD POLICY

In order to reduce pollution and health concerns and prevent the premature wear on engines created by idling school busses, the District will eliminate all unnecessary idling of all District-owned and/or contracted school buses such that idling is minimized in all aspects of school bus operation.

The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish administrative procedures in furtherance of this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. When school bus drivers arrive at the first loading areas to pick up passengers, they should turn off their buses as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions. The school bus should not be restarted until it is ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety, such as (a) extreme weather conditions and (b) idling in traffic
2. At school bus depots, limit the idling time during early morning warm-up to what is recommended by the manufacturer (generally 3-5 minutes) in all but the coldest weather.
3. Buses should not idle while waiting for students during field trips, extracurricular activities or other events where students are transported off school grounds.
4. In colder weather, if the warmth of the bus is an issue, idling is to be at a very minimum and occur outside the school zone. The "warmed" bus is to enter the school zone as close to pick-up time as possible to maintain warmth and then shut down.
5. All service delivery vehicles shall turn off the engines while making deliveries to school buildings.
6. All drivers shall receive a copy of this bulletin at the beginning of every school year.

Adopted Date:

Approved/Revised Date: