

SCHOOL BUS IDLING

Policy Code:

6306

The board recognizes that emissions that accumulate from school buses can be harmful to students and bus drivers. The board further recognizes that unnecessary bus idling wastes fuel and financial resources. The board is committed to transporting students on school buses in a manner that is safe and consistent with the board's goal of resource conservation. To this end, the board prohibits all unnecessary school bus idling on school grounds. In addition, the board prohibits the warming up of buses for longer than 5 minutes, except in extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the bus driver's control.¹

This policy applies to school buses and activity buses² when used to transport students to/from school, extracurricular activities, field trips and other school-related activities.³

The superintendent shall develop procedures consistent with this policy. The superintendent shall ensure that school bus drivers and appropriate school personnel receive training to implement this policy.⁴

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36; State Board of Education Policy Number EEO-M-003; N.C. Public School Allotment Policy Manual, State Allotment Formulas – Transportation of Student, Program Report Code 056 (as modified October 6, 2005)

Cross References: Resource Conservation (policy 6530)

Adopted:

1 Referencing extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the driver's control is optional, but allows the district some flexibility such as for safety purposes.

2 The State Board of Education policy references school buses. References to activity buses are optional, but recommended. The board could further expand the policy by prohibiting idling by all vehicles on school grounds or by any vehicles waiting or parked to transport students (including parent vehicles).

3 The State Board of Education policy references idling on school grounds. References to other student activities are optional, but recommended.

4 Training is optional. At a minimum, drivers and appropriate personnel should be informed of the idling policy and the procedures for limiting bus idling.