**Regulation Code: 6400-R SCHOOL BUS IDLING PROCEDURES**

The following procedures are established to eliminate unnecessary idling of school buses:

**A. Idling Times**

1. Buses should not idle longer than five (5) minutes.

2. The following are considered extraordinary circumstances or circumstances beyond the driver's control for which an exception can be made to the five-minute idling rule:

a. while waiting in traffic

b. while loading/unloading students with special needs, as necessary

c. for traffic, safety or emergency situations

d. for maintenance or mechanical inspections or repair

e. during extreme weather conditions (temperatures of less than 30 degrees or more than 85 degrees Fahrenheit) for the purpose of warming/cooling the interior of the bus.

**B. Bus Parking on School Grounds**

1. Buses should not idle while loading or unloading on school grounds or at school related activities.

2. Buses should not park on school grounds near building air-intake systems, unless the school district has determined that alternative parking locations interfere with traffic, impair student safety or are not cost-effective.

3. No bus should run without the driver being in the driver's seat.

LEGAL REF: State Board of Education Policy A LOT-003

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