

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

**IDLING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSES AND
PRIVATE VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GROUNDS**

POLICY 7400

All School District-owned and School District-hired school buses shall turn off their engines when students are loading or discharging, or awaiting loading or discharging, at all schools within the School District or at any school or other location to which School District students are transported.

No bus shall idle at any location except in compliance with applicable laws that limit idling.

Exemptions:

- a. The heavy duty vehicle is forced to remain motionless during traffic conditions over which the driver has no control such as an official traffic control device or signal, at the direction of a police officer or school official.
- h. The diesel or non-diesel engine is being used to provide power for an auxiliary purpose such as wheelchair lifts, safety equipment, loading or discharging.
- c. To operate a heater or air conditioner to maintain a specific temperature for student comfort.
- d. Performing maintenance, repair or inspection functions of a heavy duty vehicle.

All privately-owned passenger vehicles, including cars, minivans, pick-up trucks, and SUV's, shall not idle while on school property.

This policy does not apply when buses are transporting students on a bus route.

The School District shall post this policy on the School District's website and at the District Business Office, as well as post "no-idling" signs at each school building.

Cross-ref: 5500 Student Transportation Services

Ref: 6 NYCRR 217-3
8 NYCRR 156.3(h)

Adoption Date: February 26, 2020