



SCHOOL VEHICLE ANTI-IDLING ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

New York State has enacted legislation requiring that all school districts ensure that every driver of a school bus or other school vehicle turn off the engine of the vehicle while waiting for passengers to load or off-load. This legislation also requires school districts to annually provide to school personnel a notice of the provisions of the law and regulations.

This memorandum will serve as that notice this year. The general provisions of the law are summarized below:

The law applies to all public school districts and covers all employees, not just school bus drivers, when they are driving school vehicles.

It applies to vehicles that are school district owned or leased, not just school buses.

It requires the driver to turn off the engine while parked on school grounds, in front of a school, or adjacent to a school while loading or off-loading passengers.

Encourages districts to adopt policies that may require prompt loading and off-loading of individual school buses rather than await the arrival of all buses.

Limited idling may be permitted when it is necessary. For example:

- A. For mechanical work;
- B. To maintain and appropriate/minimum temperature for passengers as per regulations;
- C. In emergency evacuations where necessary to operate wheelchair lifts.

If you wish to view the exact wording of this law, please visit the New York State Education Departments websites listed below:

https://www.p12.nysed.gov/schoolbus/anti-idling/htm/letter_to_schooldistricts.htm