

Fairfield Community Schools
School Bus & Other Idling Vehicles Guidelines

For the health of school children and employees and to help improve air quality, Fairfield Community Schools establishes the following guidelines for Policy 8615.

Section 1 – Bus Idling while outside the school zone:

- At 32 degrees or above, buses will be allowed to idle for up to five (5) minutes;
- From 20 degrees to 32 degrees buses will be allowed to idle for up to fifteen (15) minutes;
- From 20 degrees and below, buses will be allowed to idle for up to thirty (30) minutes; or until front windows are defrosted and all safety equipment is operable.

Section 2 – Bus Idling while inside the school zone:

- Stop engines in areas where students are gathered or playing or when the bus is near doorways and ventilation
- All buses that are going to remain at a school longer than three (3) minutes will turn off their engines after the appropriate cool-down time and leave them off until the buses are ready to depart.
- This section (Section 2) also applies to field/athletic/music trips and arrival and departure from those locations.

Section 3 – Auxiliary Equipment/Extreme Temperatures:

- When extreme temperatures require the idling of the bus to maintain a reasonable level of comfort inside the bus, the above section may not apply. This also applies to auxiliary equipment (i.e. lift equipment for loading and unloading students with disabilities.)
- Even during extreme temperatures, the limiting of extended idling times is still encouraged.

Section 4 – Other Vehicles

- Passenger vehicles parked in lots or pick-up lines are asked to shut off engines if parked for more than five (5) minutes.
- Passenger vehicles are to abide by areas marked with no idling signs.
- Service and delivery vehicles will turn off engines near buildings and prior to the opening of receiving/delivery doors unless the engine is needed to operate equipment necessary for delivery.