

IDLING/FUEL USAGE OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

The Ellsworth School Committee (ESC) recognizes the Ellsworth School Department's (ESD) continuing responsibility to maintain a safe environment for staff and students in all areas pertaining to school transportation. The ESC also requires that ESD transportation be maintained and operated in the most fiscally-prudent manner possible.

After careful review of the ongoing studies on child inhalation of diesel exhaust, the following procedures will be adhered to:

1. Bus idling will be kept to a minimum at all times when children are present in the loading area.
2. On any bus that has an "onboard, self-contained heater" installed, that heater will be utilized to preheat the bus any time warm-up is required.
3. Safety will always take priority.

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