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3 **Series: 700**
4 **Section: 790**
5 **Policy #: 790.8**

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9 **BUS IDLING**

10 The board recognizes that emissions that accumulate from school buses can be harmful to
11 students and bus drivers. The board further recognizes that unnecessary bus idling wastes fuel
12 and financial resources. The board is committed to transporting students on school buses in a
13 manner that is safe and consistent with the board's goal of resource conservation. To this end,
14 the board prohibits all unnecessary school bus idling on school grounds. In addition, the board
15 prohibits the warming up of buses for longer than 5 minutes, except in extraordinary
16 circumstances or circumstances beyond the bus driver's control.

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18 This policy applies to school buses and activity buses when used to transport students
19 to/from school, extracurricular activities, field trips and other school-related activities.

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21 The superintendent shall develop procedures consistent with this policy. The superintendent
22 shall ensure that school bus drivers and appropriate school personnel receive training to
23 implement this policy.
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27 **IDLING TIMES**

- 28 I. Buses should not idle longer than five (5)
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31 2. The following are considered extraordinary circumstances or circumstances
32 beyond the driver's control for which an exception can be made to the five-
33 minute idling
34 rule:
- 35 a. while waiting in traffic
 - 36 b. while loading/unloading students with special needs, as necessary
 - 37 c. for traffic, safety or emergency situations
 - 38 d. for maintenance or mechanical inspections or repair
 - 39 e. during extreme weather conditions (temperatures of less than 30
40 degrees Fahrenheit) for the purpose of warming the interior of the
41 bus.
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43 3. To maintain interior warmth during cold weather, buses should be driven
44 to the school as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible, then
45 turned off while waiting for students to load.

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47 **BUS PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

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49 I. Buses should not park "nose to tail" when it can be
50 avoided.
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school- related activities.

3. 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.
4. No bus should run without the driver being in the bus.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

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