

**CODE E6
MORRISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY RELATING TO THE IDLING OF VEHICLES OTHER THAN SCHOOL
BUSES WHEN PRESENT ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

Policy

It is the policy of the Morristown School District to limit the idling of motor vehicles other than school buses on school grounds.

Definitions

As used in this policy, the term “school grounds” shall mean any area adjacent to school buildings and used at any time for school related activities, including parking lots, playing fields and driveways.

Background

This policy applies to all motor vehicles, other than school buses, while on school grounds. School buses are addressed in Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Rule 6001.

The school board recognizes that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. The inhalation of motor vehicle exhaust may contribute to human health problems, air pollution, and global climate change. In addition, exposure to motor vehicle exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems and can exacerbate asthma and existing allergies. State law limits the idling of school buses while waiting to board or exit students at a school, and requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules implementing school bus idling limitations. It is the intent of the school board to also limit the idling of motor vehicles other than school buses on school grounds.

Implementation

The superintendent (or designee) will develop procedures to ensure that, subject to exceptions developed by the superintendent or designee, the operators of motor vehicles, other than school buses, shall not allow their vehicles to idle while on school grounds.

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Legal References: 23 V.S.A. §1282(f)
Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Rule 6001

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Recognizing that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment, the inhalation of motor vehicle exhaust may contribute to human health problems, air pollution, and global climate change, and exposure to motor vehicle exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems and can exacerbate asthma and existing allergies, the following procedures are intended to implement the school district's policy regarding the idling of motor vehicles other than school buses on school grounds.

1. The principal or his or her designee shall post "limited idling" or "no idling" signs to notify the operators of motor vehicles on school grounds that engines must be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked.
2. The use of remote engine starter devices by school staff is prohibited.
3. The idling of delivery vehicles when loading or unloading is prohibited during school hours. Where engine idling is needed to facilitate delivery (such as fuel delivery), delivery shall not take place when school is in session when practicable.
4. The idling of vehicles used by visiting schools while waiting for students during school sponsored events is prohibited per Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Rule 6001 and local policy.
5. When practicable, measures to limit the intake of vehicle exhaust into the school building during high traffic times (school arrival and dismissal) shall be taken, such as the temporary shut-off of air intake systems and closing windows.
6. Annually, the principal or his or her designee shall inform parents, students, staff, vendors, and community organizations that use school facilities of the risks of vehicle idling and that engines must be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked.

Limited idling may be allowed by the principal (or designee) as needed for health and safety, such as to operate equipment to accommodate students with disabilities or to defrost windshields when required for safe vehicle operation.