

Addison Northwest Supervisory Union

Procedure: IDLING OF VEHICLES

ANWSU and its member district recognize 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 also the intent of the school board to limit the idling of motor vehicles other than school buses on school grounds.

Subject to exceptions developed by the Superintendent, the operators of motor vehicles, other than school buses, shall not allow their vehicles to idle while on school grounds.

The Superintendent shall develop, implement and from time to time review and amend, as appropriate, procedures to carry out this policy.

Procedures

1. Signs will be posted to notify the operators of motor vehicles of “limited idling” or “no idling” signs.
2. Parents, community members, and teachers will be notified annually of the following:
 - Engines must be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked on school grounds.
 - An indoor waiting area is available for individuals waiting for students.
 - Delivery vehicle engines must be turned off during loading or unloading. Where engine idling is needed to facilitate delivery, delivery shall not take place when school is in session, unless approved by the Principal or his/her delegate.
 - Vehicle engines used by visiting schools while waiting for students during school sponsored events must be turned off.

Limited idling may be 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.