



# RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

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RE: Admin Memo: Idling of Vehicles

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Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union and its member districts recognize that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. Exhaust from motor vehicle emissions may contribute to human health problems, air pollution, and global climate change. In addition, the EPA states monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of air toxics during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up their children. Children's lungs are still developing, and when they are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, children have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems and other adverse health effects. Limiting a vehicle's idling time can dramatically reduce these pollutants and children's exposure to them. State law limits the idling of school buses while waiting to board or exit students at a school, and prohibits the idling of all motor vehicles to five minutes in any 60-minute period (with exceptions). It is the intent of the supervisory union to further 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.

## **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 through a variety of venues during (ie, Web, newsletter, article, memos) the school year 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.
  - Prohibit the use of remote engine starter devices by school staff.
  - 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 designee.
  - Vehicle engines used by visiting schools while waiting for students during school-sponsored events must be turned off.
3. Delivery vendors will be notified of this procedure as part of the contract for services.

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.

Reference: [VT Statute Title 13 Ch. 23\(011\) 1](#)

VT Agency of Education School Bus Idling Rule 6001-6005

No-Idling Vermont Fact Sheet Guidance