

POLICY REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

No motor vehicle operator shall cause or allow any motor vehicle operated by him or her on school grounds to idle unnecessarily, except for any of the following reasons: traffic conditions; queuing at a school for the purpose of picking up or discharging students; turbo-charged diesel engine cool down or warm up; maintenance of appropriate temperature for school buses when accepting or discharging passengers not to exceed three minutes in any fifteen minute period or one minute in any fifteen minute period for other motor vehicles; for circumstances involving safety or emergencies and for servicing or repairing motor vehicles; and as these exceptions are more completely described in the below referenced regulations. The term "school grounds" shall mean in, on or within 100 feet of school whether or not it is in session, and shall include any playground used for school purposes. Reasonable efforts shall be made by the school to identify by signage all known and actual air intake systems, which may be within 100 feet of an idling motor vehicle. A motor vehicle operator shall not idle a motor within 100 feet of such air intake system.

CAPS Collaborative shall erect and maintain in a conspicuous location on school grounds "NO IDLING" signs. All such signage shall contain appropriate sized font so as to be visible from a distance of 50 feet.

It shall be the responsibility of the Program Director to ensure that each school bus company shall annually be provided with a copy of the CAPS Collaborative Vehicle Idling Policy as well as a copy of M.G.L. c. 90, § 16B and 504 CMR 27.00.

Legal References: M.G.L. c.71:37H, c. 90:16B and 504 CMR 27.00

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