

## **DIESEL IDLING POLICY - #3546**

Orwell Town School District in concern for the safety and health of students and staff are aware that diesel emissions frequently pervade various portions of the building when school buses and delivery vehicles are idling adjacent to said buildings.

Therefore, Orwell Town School District enacts the following policy relating to school buses and diesel delivery and service vehicles:

- 1) All school buses will warm-up their engines at a site away from the school.
- 2) School Bus Drivers will shut-off bus engines immediately upon reaching their destination and will refrain from idling while waiting for passengers. School busses will not be restarted until they are ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit the boarding area. This procedure applies to daily route travel, field trips, and transportation to and from athletic events.
- 3) School Bus Drivers will limit idling time during morning warm-up to the manufacturer's recommendation – generally five minutes. Additional idling time may be necessary to help defrost windshields on colder mornings.
- 4) Block heaters that plug into electrical outlets will be used on colder mornings to avoid starting difficulties and reduce the time needed to warm-up engines and defrost windshields.
- 5) Schools will provide an indoor waiting space for drivers who arrive early. This will ensure that drivers can stay warm without idling their busses.
- 6) All drivers will receive a copy of this policy or equivalent educational materials at the beginning of each school year.
- 7) Ensure school busses are regularly maintained.
- 8) Follow at least three car lengths behind any vehicle with visible exhaust or a noticeable odor.

Orwell Town School District

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