

Motor Vehicle Idling

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In compliance with Massachusetts law, the School Committee establishes this policy to help ensure good air quality for students and staff in and around WPS schools, and to limit carbon emissions from unnecessary idling.

No motor vehicle on school grounds shall be allowed to idle its engine for greater than one minute, unless:

- Waiting in a moving queue at a school for the purpose of picking up or discharging students
- Maintaining an appropriate interior temperature when accepting or discharging passengers; provided idling does not exceed three minutes in any fifteen minute period for school buses, or one minute in any fifteen minute period for other motor vehicles
- Accommodating safety needs, or addressing emergencies
- Servicing or repairing motor vehicles which have broken on school premises
- Cooling down or warming up a turbo-charged diesel engine, provided that manufacturer documentation of this requirement can be provided

The Superintendent or delegate shall obtain written confirmation from any contracted provider of student transportation that all drivers will abide by this policy. Individual drivers contracted directly by the Westford Public Schools will also provide this written confirmation.

The Westford Public Schools shall erect and maintain signage in a conspicuous location on school grounds with font size chosen so as to be visible from a distance of 50 feet. This signage shall include the following items: “NO IDLING”, “Violators may be fined”, “M.G.L. c. 71:37H, c. 90:16B and 540 CMR 27.00”

References: M.G.L. c. 71:37H, c. 90:16B and 540 CMR 27.00

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