

## **Idling Vehicles on School Property**

It has been documented that idling vehicles contribute to a wide range of health and environmental problems including triggering asthma attacks, carbon monoxide poisoning, eye and respiratory irritation, contributing to ozone generation, and air pollution.

Researchers have also proven that not only is it not necessary for vehicles to idle, periods of long idling cause more wear to the engine and waste fuel. Schools and corporations that have idling programs have realized savings in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

### **Trinity Christian School Policy to Limit Vehicle Idling**

**Purpose-** This policy is to limit vehicle emissions that might be brought into school buildings as mandated by 410 IAC 33-4-3. This will improve the health of students and staff through reduced exposure to these emissions.

**Applicability** – This policy applies to all public and private vehicles on the schools campus.

#### **Idling**

##### **1. Posting**

- a. There are signs posted where idling is prohibited.

##### **2. Requirements**

- a. Drivers of vehicles are to turn off the engine if the vehicle is to be stopped more than 5 minutes. (Engine cool down periods recommended by vehicle manufacturer may be followed)
- b. Teachers and school staff will be informed of this at the beginning of every school year.
- c. During Trinity's student/parent orientations, parents, and all student will be informed of our policy as well.
- d. Any complaints of non-compliance are to be file with Mrs. Combs (317) 631-3194 ext. 225.
- e. Any complaints of non-compliance will be reviewed and actions taken as necessary.

#### **Exemptions**

##### **1. Safety of Children or emergencies**

- a) Use of lift equipment during loading or unloading of individuals with special needs.
- b) Use of heater or air conditioning during loading or unloading of individuals with special needs.
- c) Use of defrosters, heaters, air conditioners, or any other equipment for health or safety concerns.
- d) Use of bus headlights or flasher warning lights for safety or visibility purposes.

**2. Hot or Cold Weather**

- a) If bus drivers are at a location more than 15 minutes, a waiting area will be provided for their use after turning off the bus.
- b) From Monday, August 10, 2015 to Wednesday, May 25, 2016 if necessary and the bus has air conditioning, the bus may idle for a minimal period to cool the bus prior to loading, or while student remain on the bus.
- c) If necessary due to cold/hot temperatures, a vehicle may idle for a minimal time to warm/cool the vehicle.

**3. Maintenance Operations**

- a. (When possible, maintenance operations should not be conducted within 100 feet of the school building housing classrooms.) Buses may idle as necessary as part of a pre-trip safety inspection.
- b. If necessary to make emergency repairs to vehicles. ( for example jump starting another vehicle)