

# **TRI-TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**

## **POLICY**

### **REGARDING**

#### **VEHICLES IDLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The Board recognizes the need to limit vehicle emissions that might be brought into school buildings in order to improve the health of students and staff through reduced exposure, and to reduce fuel costs. Therefore, it is the policy of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation regarding vehicles idling on school grounds, that:

1. As a general rule, drivers of vehicles (private, Corporation-owned and service vehicles) are to turn off their engine, if the vehicle is to be stopped more than 5 minutes. Exemptions will be made under the following circumstances which necessitate longer idling:
  - a. Safety of Children or Emergencies
    - i. Use of lift equipment during loading or unloading of individuals with special needs.
    - ii. Use of defrosters, heater, air conditioners, or any other equipment for health or safety concerns.
    - iii. Use of bus headlights or flasher warning lights for safety or visibility purposes.
    - iv. For other safety or emergency issues.
  - b. Cold or Hot Weather:
    - i. If necessary due to cold weather, a vehicle may idle for a minimal time to heat or defrost the vehicle.
    - ii. If necessary due to hot weather, a vehicle may idle for a minimal time to cool the vehicle.
  - c. Maintenance or inspection/repair issues requiring a longer time to facilitate the inspection/repair process.
2. Bus Drivers should follow manufacturer recommendations regarding engine warm up and cool down periods (generally no more than five minutes).
3. The Corporation shall post signs in areas where idling is prohibited.
4. Complaints of non-compliance are to be filed with the Superintendents' office.

Adopted by the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation School Board this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

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