

STAI SCHOOL BUS IDLING POLICY

Section 1 - Bus Warm-up:

- a) At 32 degrees or above, buses will be allowed to idle for up to five (5) minutes;
- b) From 20 degrees to 32 degrees buses will be allowed to idle for up to fifteen (15) minutes;
- c) From 20 degrees and below, buses will be allowed to idle for up to thirty (30) minutes; or until front windows are defrosted and all safety equipment is operable.

Section 2 - Loading/Unloading at schools:

All buses arriving at schools to load or unload students who are going to remain at the school longer than three (3) minutes will turn off their engines after the appropriate cool-down time and leave them off until the buses are ready to depart. This section also applies to field trips and arrival and departure from those locations.

Section 3 - Auxiliary equipment/Extreme temperatures:

When extreme temperatures require the idling of the bus to maintain a reasonable level of comfort inside the bus, the above sections may not apply. This section also applies to auxiliary equipment (i.e. lift equipment for loading and unloading student with disabilities). However, the limiting of extended idling times is still encouraged.