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## **SCHOOL BUS AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLE IDLING**

Emissions from idling school buses and division vehicles can accumulate in and around the vehicle and pose a health risk, both to children and drivers. Idling buses and division vehicles waste fuel and financial resources.

St. James-Assiniboia School Division is committed to eliminating all unnecessary idling by division/contracted school buses and division vehicles by minimizing idling time in all aspects of the division operation.

### **Guidelines:**

1. When school bus drivers arrive in a loading/unloading area to pick up and drop off passengers they must turn off their buses as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions. The school bus must not be restarted until students are ready to load and there is a clear path to exit the pick-up area. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety such as the requirements of special needs students.
2. At the school bus yard, early morning warm-up must be 3 minutes for gas buses and 5 minutes for diesel for temperatures above 0°C. For temperatures between 0°C and -20°C, warm-up must be 5 minutes for gas buses and 10 minutes for diesel buses. For temperatures below -20°C warm-up should be 10 minutes for gas buses and 15 minutes for diesel buses.
3. All school bus drivers and maintenance shop staff shall receive a copy of this policy at the beginning of each school year.

### **Guidelines for Maintenance staff:**

1. Division vehicles must not idle for more than 5 minutes.
2. Division vehicles must not idle their vehicles in the loading zone of the Maintenance Shop.
3. Division vehicles must not idle in school parking lots.

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