

Palouse Prairie Charter School

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Charter School Vehicle Idling

The Board of Directors is committed to transporting students on school vehicles in a safe manner. Further, the Board recognizes that accumulated emissions from school vehicles can be harmful to students, drivers, and others in the area of the idling vehicle. Unnecessary bus or Charter School vehicle idling emits pollutants, wastes fuel, and wastes financial resources.

Charter School Vehicle Idling Times

1. When school buses and vehicles arrive at loading and unloading areas to drop off or pick up passengers, drivers should turn off the vehicle as soon as possible to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions.
2. A vehicle should not be restarted until it is ready to depart.
3. Vehicles should not idle, on or off of school grounds, for longer than five (5) minutes unless:
 - A. They are waiting in traffic;
 - B. They are loading or unloading students with special needs;
 - C. There are safety or emergency situations;
 - D. The driver is in the process of receiving or discharging passengers on a public highway or public road;
 - E. There are maintenance or mechanical situations, inspections, or repair; or
 - F. There are extreme weather conditions and the purpose is to warm the interior of the bus.
4. All Charter School vehicles should follow the above guidelines as applicable.

Other Reference: Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations

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