

School Bus Idling

- The Buffalo Policy



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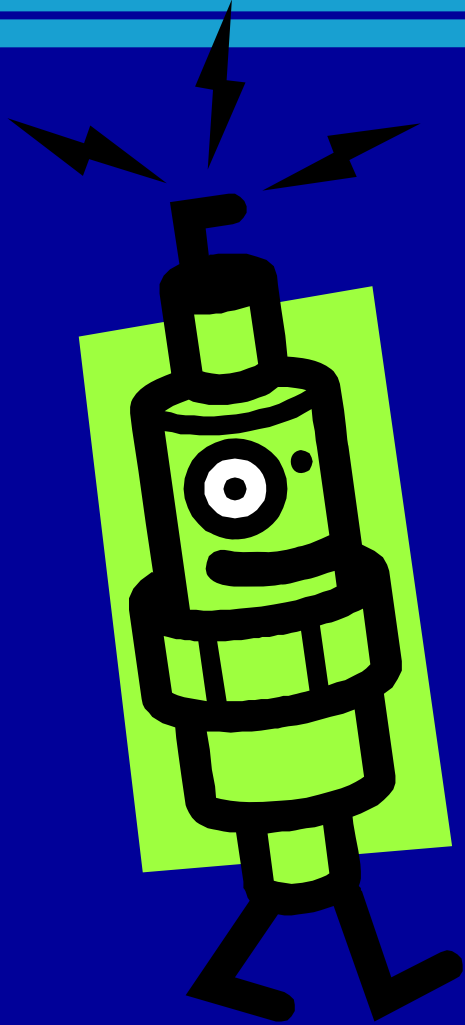
- Today we are going to look at a *new policy* that applies to all school bus drivers that service the City of Buffalo

In a nutshell:



- If your engine is on, you should be moving.

Policy



- We will now look at how the policy applies to the different parts of your day.

In the bus yard:



- Your bus should run for the *absolute minimum* time required to complete your pre trip inspection

Before your route starts:



- There is no idling allowed during layovers out on the streets.

Morning arrival at school:



- When you arrive to drop off you should turn off your bus as soon as possible.

Here's a problem!



The One Exception

- If you pull up directly from the street to unload, and your students are able to walk immediately off the bus and into school without delay, and the whole time you are stopped is ***less than three (3) minutes***, it may be OK to leave your bus on while unloading.

Morning arrival at school:



- Your bus should not be restarted until you are ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit. Do not restart if you are not ready and able to immediately pull away from the school.

Afternoon loading at school:



- You always need to shut your bus off when you pull up to a school and wait for the children to come out.

Afternoon loading at school:

- If you wait away from the school loading zone while other busses load, always shut off your busses if your wait will be more than 5 minutes. (You should also wait far enough away from the school so that the school does not experience the exhaust fumes you generate while waiting.)

Charter work:



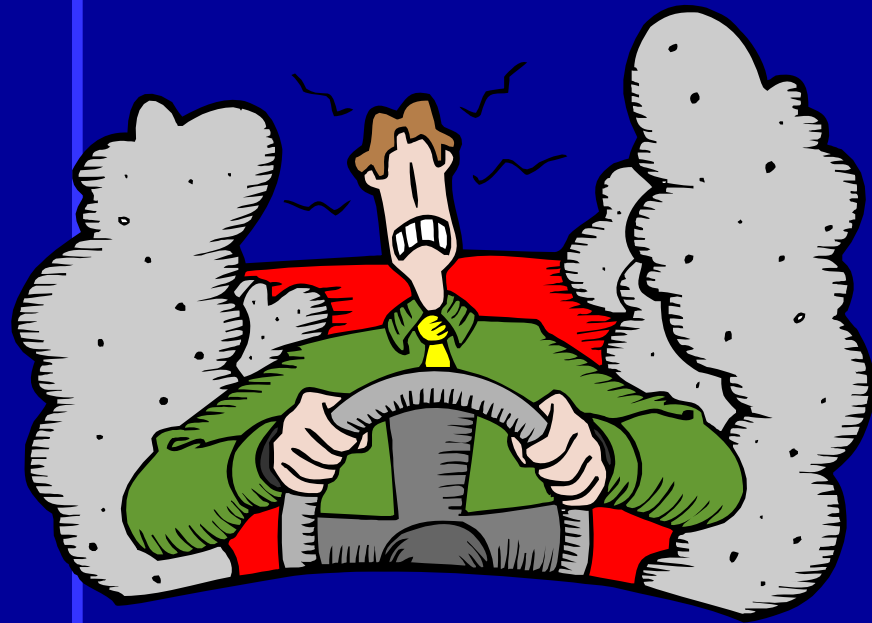
- The same rules apply for all Charter work – shut your bus down for loading, unloading and waiting whether at the school or at your destination.

General:



- It is generally not necessary to run your bus to operate your flashers. Please check with your manager if there are reasons why your bus needs to run in order to operate your flashers.

General:



- Please immediately notify your manager or mechanic when your bus or another Laidlaw bus you see shows a visible or smoky exhaust.

Exceptions:



Exceptions where idling may be OK:

- Extreme weather conditions (must be approved by your manager)
- Idling in traffic

Exceptions:



- To operate a wheelchair lift
- If AC is specified for the child

An example:



- What do you see UPS drivers do every time they stop their truck?



NO IDLING

***Young lungs
at work***

**Turn off
your engine**



Clean Air Zone



NO IDLING

Children Breathing

Review



- New policy
- Bus yard
- On the street
- AM at school
- PM at school
- Exceptions

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Why are we doing this?

