

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL BUS IDLING

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810.2 School Bus Idling	
Purpose	It is the policy of the School District of Springfield Township to eliminate all unnecessary idling by school buses, thereby reducing exposure by school children to the harmful diesel exhaust fumes.
Rationale	Diesel exhaust poses a serious health risk to children, bus drivers, and the general community. Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust can accumulate in and around school buses and cause lung damage and respiratory problems as well as exacerbating asthma and allergies. Exposure may also impair a child's learning abilities. Unnecessary idling contributes to Pennsylvania's over reliance on imported petroleum and wastes financial resources.
Applicability	<p>This policy applies to the operation of all District-owned and/or contracted school buses.</p> <p>Administrative regulations will be developed by the Superintendent in consultation with the Director of Transportation.</p>