

NEW LAW PROHIBITS IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Effective May 5, 2014, Vermont has a new law prohibiting a person from causing or permitting the idling of motor vehicles for more than five minutes in any 60-minute period while the vehicle is stationary [T.23 V.S.A. 1110].

Pursuant to T.23 V.S.A. 1282 (f), adopted in 2007; the operator of a school bus shall not idle the engine while waiting for children to board or to exit the vehicle at a school and shall not start the engine until ready to leave the school premises. There are exceptions which include a school bus on school grounds which reasonably require the idling of the engine, including periods when it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling equipment to ensure the health or safety of the driver or passengers.

Our school asks that you please be aware of this new law when dropping off and picking up students. Please be sure to turn off your car when you pull up to the school if you expect to be stationary for more than five minutes.

Thank you for your cooperation.