

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Transportation Procedure 053 Vehicle Engine Idling	Effective: 2/14/2017
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Subject: Vehicle Engine Idling

In order to conserve diesel fuel, reduce air pollution, and increase the service life of the vehicle, warm up idling shall be limited to no more than ten (10) minutes prior to the AM run and no more than ten (10) minutes prior to the PM run. Engine idling is to be kept below 1000 RPM.

Notwithstanding however, dependent upon weather conditions and for health and safety reasons to insure such things as windows being properly defogged or defrosted, idling time may be extended to assure safe operation. Engine idling is to be kept below 1000 RPM.

Note that the Chief Mechanic/ Designee may extend the idling time for severe weather conditions or operational needs. As a guideline we use the following for the winter months:

- A) If the outside temperature is between 32 degrees and 15 degrees, idling to operate heaters is allowed for up to 15 minutes.
- B) If the outside temperature is below 15 degrees, there is no restriction on idling to use heating equipment.

Vehicles shall not be fueled while the engine is running.

Engine idling in excess of five minutes in loading zones shall not be permitted unless the operation of a wheelchair lift is required.

Reference OAC 3301-83-20, General Rules.