



**Policy: FIN-503**

**DIVISION:** Finance and Administration

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**NAME:** Vehicle Idling

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (the “District”) shall make every effort to eliminate all unnecessary idling of vehicles and exposure to exhaust system emissions.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The District recognizes the importance of ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its workers, students and others at or near the workplace. The District also recognizes the importance of providing guidance and direction on the use of District vehicles and idling. The exhaust from idling vehicles (including school buses) poses an unnecessary health risk for children, drivers, employees and the community at large. Vehicle idling impairs air quality and is an inefficient use of financial resources.

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**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all vehicles while on District property including, but not limited to, the following vehicles: parent, employee, student, vendor, contractor, private, commercial. It also applies to all District fleet, regardless of location.

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**DEFINITIONS:**

**Idling** - The continuous running of a vehicle’s combustion engine while in a parked state.

**Vehicles** - All motorized modes of transportation including school buses, cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

**School Purpose Vehicles** - All school buses and private vehicles arranged by the District to provide student transportation service.

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**POLICY DIRECTIVES:**

1. The District shall deploy “Idle Free” signage posted in a visible location on District property to alert drivers that engines should be turned off when a vehicle is on District property.
2. All Division Directors who have staff or contracted individuals/entities accessing District property on a regular basis are to communicate idle free policy requirements and to ensure they are aware of this policy.
3. School Administrators shall ensure all parents/guardians/students receive notice of this policy at the beginning of each school year.