

MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING

No motor vehicle operator will cause or allow their motor vehicle to idle unnecessarily on school grounds whether or not school is in session, except for any of the following reasons: traffic conditions; queuing at a school for the purpose of picking up or discharging students; turbo-charged diesel engine cool down or warm up; maintenance of appropriate temperature for school buses when accepting or discharging passengers not to exceed three minutes in any fifteen-minute period or one minute in any fifteen-minute period for other motor vehicles; for circumstances involving safety or emergencies and for servicing or repairing motor vehicles; and as these exceptions are more completely described in the below referenced regulations.

For the purposes of this policy, “school grounds” will mean in, on or within 100 feet of the real property of the school, including any athletic field or facility, or any playground used for school purposes or functions which is owned by the municipality or the school district, regardless of proximity to a school building, and any parking lot appurtenant to such school athletic field, facility, or playground. Reasonable effort will be made by the Mansfield Public Schools to identify by appropriate signage all known and actual air intake systems, which may be within 100 feet of an idling motor vehicle. A motor vehicle operator will not idle a motor within 100 feet of such air intake system, unless the District has determined that alternative locations block traffic, impair student safety, or are not cost effective.

The District will erect and maintain in a conspicuous location on school grounds “NO IDLING” signage as described below. All such signage will contain appropriate sized font so as to be visible from a distance of 50 feet.

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**PENALTIES OF \$100 FOR FIRST OFFENSE AND
\$500 FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES
M.G.L. C. 90, § 16B AND 540 CMR 27.00**

It will be the responsibility of the school administration to ensure that each school bus driver employed by the Mansfield Public Schools and not by a school bus contractor will, upon employment and at least once per year thereafter, sign a document acknowledging the receipt of copies of M.G.L. c. 90, § 16B and 540 CMR 27.00. The prohibitions contained in M.G.L. c. 90, § 16B will be enforced by state or local law enforcement agencies.

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SOURCE: MASC

**Legal Refs.: M.G.L. 71:37H, Policies Relative to Conduct of Teachers and
Students; Student Handbooks
M.G.L. 90:16B, Idling of Motor Vehicle Engine on School
Property; Penalties; Adoption of Regulations
540 CMR 27.00, Regulation of Motor Vehicle Idling on School
Grounds**