



OSTA

Ottawa Student
Transportation
Authority

Vehicle Idling

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Cross Reference

T10 – Stakeholder Responsibilities;

T14 – Transportation Services

Related Forms

Policy Statement

1. The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority recognizes its responsibility to assist in reducing the volume of vehicle emissions released into the environment as much as reasonably possible.
2. The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority is committed to the promotion of environmental responsibility through contracting practices.
3. The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority shall require all contracted operators to assist in reducing the environmental impact of their services by limiting vehicle idling.

Procedure

1. School buses and small vehicles will, to the extent possible, limit the amount of idling time at school sites, while on member school board property, and while waiting to commence routing services.
2. School vehicle engines will be turned off when students are loading and unloading at school or other vehicle boarding locations.
3. In respect of operational or passenger medical conditions, vehicles may be left idling if the engine is required to operate special equipment or to ensure the comfort and security of passengers with special needs.