



**Response to Questions on the FY 2010
County Lines of Business & Schools Program Review Processes
Public Process - Fall 2008**

Request By: Public

Question: What is the current FCPS policy with regards to bus drivers allowing school buses to idle while waiting for children to be picked up or dropped off? Could savings be generated by changes to this policy?

**Response
Prepared By:** Fairfax County Public Schools

Response: Fairfax County code restricts vehicle idling to 3 minutes unless the engine is needed to perform the vehicle's mission. This code applies to all vehicles in Fairfax County. The only exception to this rule would be school buses transporting special needs children requiring air conditioning for medical reasons.

FCPS is looking at ways to measure the idling time on school buses to ensure the 3-minute idle time is not exceeded.