



## **Excessive Idling Policy**

Aquinas College's idling policy applies to all commercial and personal vehicles on campus. All vehicles on campus will not be permitted to idle any longer than 5 minutes. Personal vehicles belonging to staff, faculty, or students are not permitted to idle while unattended for more than 5 minutes. An unattended idling vehicle poses not only a safety threat, but also a security issue. There has been an increase in crime on campus and an unattended idling vehicle could easily be stolen.

### **Exceptions**

- Buses will be permitted to idle for 15 minutes, allowing the driver an adequate amount of time to warm up the bus if necessary, drop off students, and assess any malfunctioning problems that may arise.
- If temperatures are below zero, diesel trucks and buses will be permitted to idle as mechanically necessary.

### **Enforcement**

This policy is intended to serve as a tool to discourage needless idling on campus, rather than excessive ticketing by Campus Safety Officers. If needless idling is observed while officers are performing their rounds, they will request that the driver shut off their engine. If a driver refuses to shut off their engine after the indicated idling time, Campus Safety may request that the driver idle elsewhere, possibly off campus property. Campus Safety may also issue a citation with a fine.

If drivers continue to be uncooperative with Campus Safety requests, Aquinas College holds the power to reevaluate these working relationships, and change to a service provider who is willing to abide by college policies and Campus Safety requests. Providing Aquinas College with a transportation service is a privilege, not a right.

Please contact Jessica Eimer Bowen ([eimerjes@aquinas.edu](mailto:eimerjes@aquinas.edu)) with any questions concerning the excessive idling policy.