



EPA's Clean School Bus Rebate Program

In March 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the new Clean School Bus Program provides \$5 billion over five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission models.

How does the EPA define a school bus?

Passenger motor vehicle designed to carry a driver and more than 10 passengers, that the secretary of transportation decides is likely to be used significantly to transport primary and secondary school students to or from school or an event related to school.

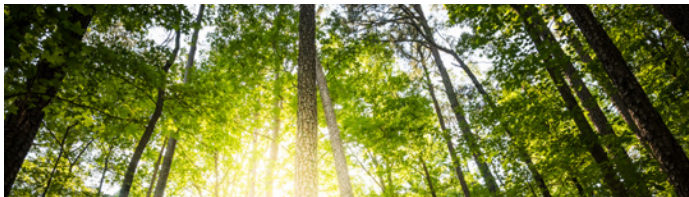
\$5 Billion

FY22-FY26

Up to 100% of the cost of the replacement bus and charging or fuel infrastructure

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Eligible Technologies

Zero-emission school bus

A school bus that produces zero exhaust emission of any air pollutant and any greenhouse gas

Clean school bus

A school bus that reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using an alternative fuel or is a zero-emission bus

New Bus Details

All replacement low- and zero-emission buses must:

- Be operated by the fleet owner for at least five years after purchase
- Be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer and/or state recommendations or requirements
- Not be equipped with any device that creates pollution within the school bus (e.g., an unvented diesel heater)



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Who Can Apply for Funding

- State or local governmental entities – Provide school buses to one or more public school systems, or purchase school buses
- Eligible contractors (for-profit, nonprofit) – Those that sell buses or infrastructure or arrange financing for such buses
- Nonprofit school transportation associations
- Tribes, tribal organizations and tribally controlled schools – Provide school bus service to one or more bureau-funded schools, or purchases school buses

EPA Priorities

EPA offers equal prioritization for school districts that meet one or multiple prioritization criteria.

- High-need local education agencies
- Tribal schools
- Rural schools
- Low-income area schools
- Public-private partnerships

Evaluation Criteria

- Lowest cost of bus replacement
- Local conditions (route, climate)
- Maximizing emission reduction
- Help scale technology or promote cost parity

Bus Eligibility

Eligible Old School Buses to be Replaced

- Diesel school buses powered by a 2010 or older model year engine
- Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,001 pounds or more
- Owned by the applicant or state government without any liens on the title
- Operational – Able to start, move in all directions and have all operational parts
- Have provided bus service to the school district for at least three days per week on average during the 2021/2022 school year at the time of applying.

Eligible Replacement Buses

- Must not be ordered prior to receiving signed EPA selection letter
- Powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine, or operate solely on electricity
- Be purchased, not leased or leased to own
- Not funded with any other federal funds or Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust
- Operate in a similar manner and over similar routes as the original school bus
- Meet federal safety standards

Maximum Funding per Battery Electric Bus

School District Priority	Status Class 7+	Class 3-6	Infrastructure
≥1 Priority Criteria	\$375,000	\$285,000	\$20,000
Other Districts	\$250,000	\$190,000	\$13,000