


Clean School Bus Program



\$5 billion to replace existing diesel school buses with cleaner and healthier electric and low-emission school buses.

School buses travel over four billion miles each year, providing the safest transportation to and from school for more than 25 million children everyday. However, diesel exhaust from these buses can contribute to air quality problems and has a negative impact on human health, especially for children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$5 billion over five years (FY22-26) to clean a substantial portion of the nation's fleet of nearly 500,000 school buses. These new cleaner school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors. School bus upgrades funded under this program will result in cleaner air on the bus, in bus loading areas, and in the communities in which they operate.

Under the Clean School Bus Program, half of the available funding is dedicated for zero-emission school buses and half is for clean school buses.

- **Zero-emission school bus:** a school bus that produces zero exhaust emission of any air pollutant and any greenhouse gas. Electric school buses are zero-emission.
- **Clean school bus:** As defined by the BIL, a school bus that reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using an alternative fuel or is a zero-emission bus.

Learn more about the benefits of clean school buses and how you can participate in this program at epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.



The 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates Application Is Open!

Visit [epa.gov/cleanschoolbus](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus) to apply before August 19, 2022.

\$500 million in federal funding is now available for the replacement of existing diesel school buses with electric and low-emission buses.

Who can apply for the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates?

- **Public school districts and other state or local government entities** that are responsible for purchasing and/or providing school bus service to at least one public school system.
- **Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Tribally-Controlled Schools** that provide school bus service to one or more Bureau-funded schools or purchase school buses.
- **Nonprofit school transportation associations**
- **Eligible contractors** who sell clean school buses, zero-emission buses, charging or fueling infrastructure, maintain clean or zero-emission school buses, or arrange financing.

What kind of funding is available?

To ensure that this funding reaches high-need communities, **EPA will prioritize rural, Tribal, and low-income school districts in the selection process.** Prioritized districts will receive more funding per bus, but non-prioritized districts are still eligible for significant funds. **School districts can apply for 25 buses in one application.** You can find out if a district is prioritized by reading the program guidance and priority applicant list on our website.

Funding for buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria

- Electric – Class 7+ : \$375,000 per bus
 - Electric – Class 3-6: \$285,000 per bus
 - CNG – Class 7+: \$45,000 per bus
 - CNG – Class 3-6: \$30,000 per bus
 - Propane – Class 7+: \$30,000 per bus
 - Propane – Class 3-6: \$25,000 per bus
- \$20,000 in additional funding per electric bus is available for charging infrastructure for buses serving prioritized districts.

Funding for buses serving non-prioritized school districts

- Electric – Class 7+ : \$250,000 per bus
 - Electric – Class 3-6: \$190,000 per bus
 - CNG – Class 7+: \$30,000 per bus
 - CNG – Class 3-6: \$20,000 per bus
 - Propane – Class 7+: \$20,000 per bus
 - Propane – Class 3-6: \$15,000 per bus
- \$13,000 in additional funding per electric bus is available for charging infrastructure for buses serving non-prioritized districts.

How can I apply?

1. Visit [epa.gov/cleanschoolbus](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus) to review important dates and eligibility requirements.
2. Review the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates Program Guidance for full details on the competition.
3. Fill out the online application no later than **August 19, 2022** ([SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) entity registration required).

Who should I contact for help?

- If you have any questions or feedback, please email: cleanschoolbus@epa.gov.