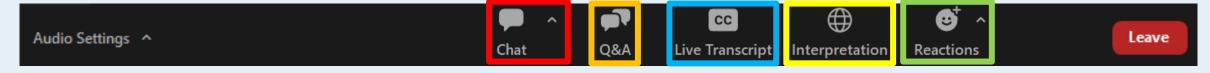


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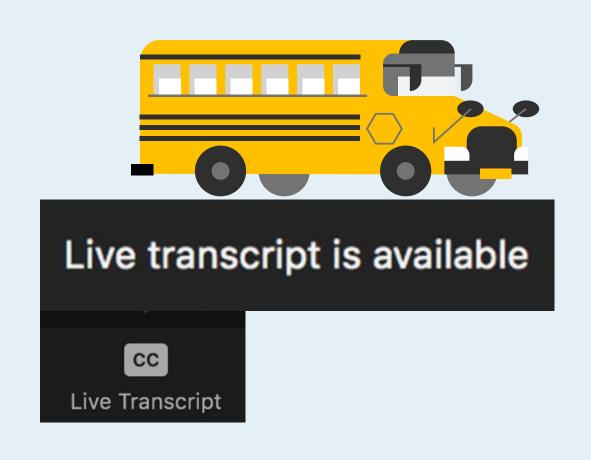
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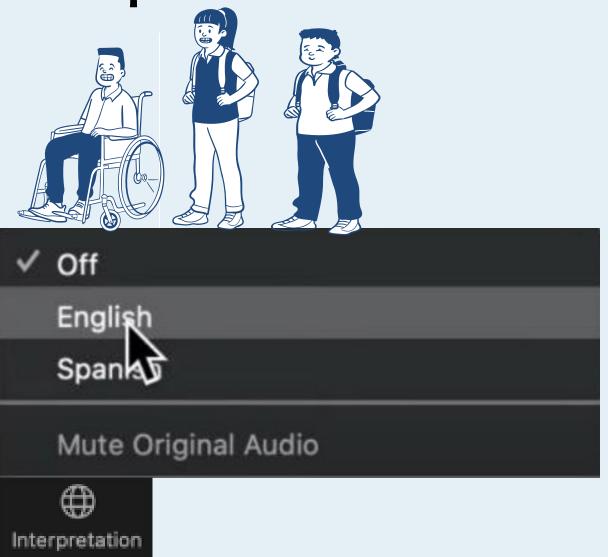


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Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Clean School Bus Program

Under **Title XI: Clean School Buses and Ferries**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides **\$5 billion** over five years (FY22-26) for the replacement of existing school buses with clean school buses and zero-emission school buses.

These new clean 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.

The first funding opportunity was the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates. EPA opened a competitive grant program in Spring 2023 and expects to open another rebate program in Fall 2023.





2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Timeline

Activity	Date
2022 CSB Rebates open. EPA begins accepting applications submitted via	May 20, 2022 –
online form	August 19, 2022
EPA reviews applications and begins the selection process	September 2022
EPA notifies applicants of selection status. Selectees can proceed with purchasing new buses and eligible infrastructure.	October 2022
Selectees submit Payment Request Forms with purchase orders demonstrating that new buses and eligible infrastructure have been ordered	October 2022 - April 2023
Project period deadline for selectees to receive new buses, install eligible	October 31, 2024*
infrastructure, replace old buses, and submit Close Out Forms	*EPA will consider extensions on a case-by-case basis if appropriate justification is provided

Selectee Requirements – Close Out Form

- Once selectees have received their new buses and eligible infrastructure and have replaced their old buses, they must submit an online Close Out Form. The Close Out Form must be submitted within two years of the date of the selection notification (October 31, 2024).
- The Close Out Form will require selectees to attach:
 - 1. Final invoices for all new buses and infrastructure
 - 2. Proof of delivery (e.g., dated bill of lading) for all new buses and infrastructure
 - 3. Proof of old bus scrappage:
 - > Documentation of destroyed engine and chassis rail with VIN number
 - > Scrappage Certification Letter from scrap yard/entity that scrapped buses
 - 4. Photo of New Bus showing VIN number
 - 5. If applicable, photo of installed charging equipment
 - 6. If applicable, electric school bus battery and powertrain warranty information
- Selectees must retain all financial records, supporting documents, accounting books and other evidence of Rebate Program activities for five years after delivery of the new buses. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the recipient must maintain all appropriate records until these actions are completed and all issues resolved.





Important! SAM.gov Registration

Check the Systems for Award
Management (SAM.gov) to ensure your
organization is actively registered as an
entity

- An individual user account on <u>SAM.gov</u> is not the same thing as an organization's entity registration.
- Review all <u>SAM.gov</u> entity registration information for accuracy, including bank accounts, addresses, the <u>Unique</u> Entity Identifier (UEI), and Points of Contact.
- If your organization has no record of a <u>SAM.gov</u>. registration, expired or active, and needs to create a new registration, the simplest entity registration type that can participate in the Clean School Bus Rebates is the "Federal Assistance Awards Only" registration.
- For help with <u>SAM.gov</u>, reach out to the Federal Service Desk at: https://www.fsd.gov.

Only individuals with email addresses listed as one of the following Points of Contact (POC) under an active <u>SAM.gov</u> entity registration will have access to create, edit, save, and submit Clean School Bus Rebate forms for that entity:

- Electronic Business POC
- Alternate Electronic Business POC
- Government Business POC
- Alternate Government Business POC

If you made a SAM.gov to apply last year, please verify it is still active as accounts that have not been accessed in 365 days will go inactive.

*Note: When entering the rebate Close Out Form, applicants must use the same email as is listed in their POC information in SAM.gov. They will be prompted to sign-in to, or create, a free login.gov account.





Getting to the Close **Out Form User Guide**

 The link to the Close Out Form User Guide can be found on the 2022 Rebates: Online Close Out Form page.

Online Rebate Payment Request Information

Educational Materials Technical Assistance

Clean School Bus

<u>Awarded</u> **CSB** Rebates

Rebate Application Form

Forms

Online Payment Request **Form**

Online Close Out **Form**

This page provides information on the Close Out Form to be used by selectees that were awarded funding; received delivery of new replacement buses and (if applicable) related electric bus charging infrastructure; and appropriately scrapped, donated, or sold their old buses.

The deadline for submitting Close Out Forms is October 31, 2024. EPA will consider extension requests for the Close Out Form on a case-by-case basis and may grant extensions if sufficient justification is provided. Please email cleanschoolbus@epa.gov with your extension request including the justification for the extension and the date by which you anticipate being able to submit your Close Out Form.

The 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates Program is now **CLOSED** for submission of new applications.

Applicant Dashboard Rebate Forms

To submit a Close Out Form or view records of your submitted Application and Payment Request Forms, go to the applicant dashboard.

On this page:

- . Who Can Submit a Close Out Form?
- What Information Do I Need to Complete the Close Out Form?
- Where Can I Get Help?
- · User Guide for Close Out Form

User Guide for Close Out Form

• 🖺 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Forms: Close Out Form User Guide (pdf) (9.03 MB, September 2023, EPA-420-B-23-038)





USER GUIDE WALKTHROUGH





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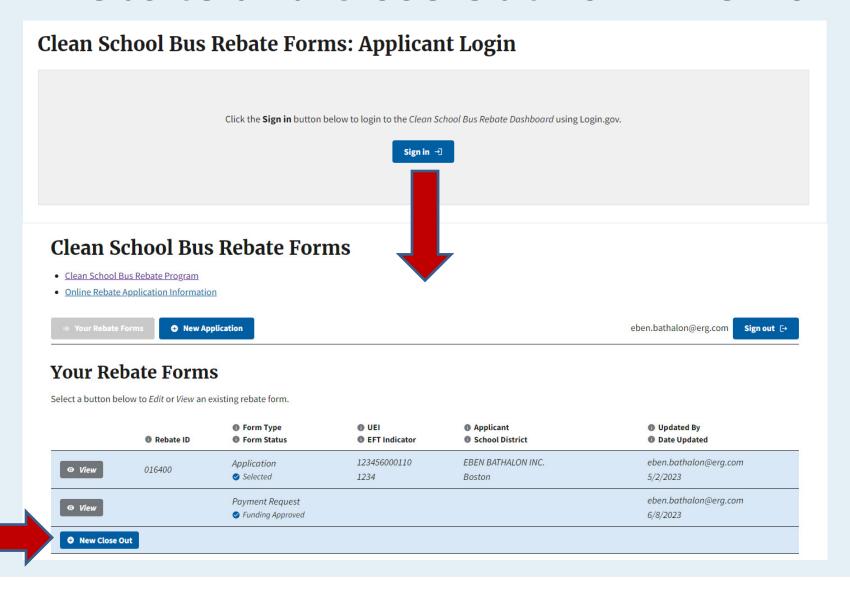


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Website and Close Out Form Demo



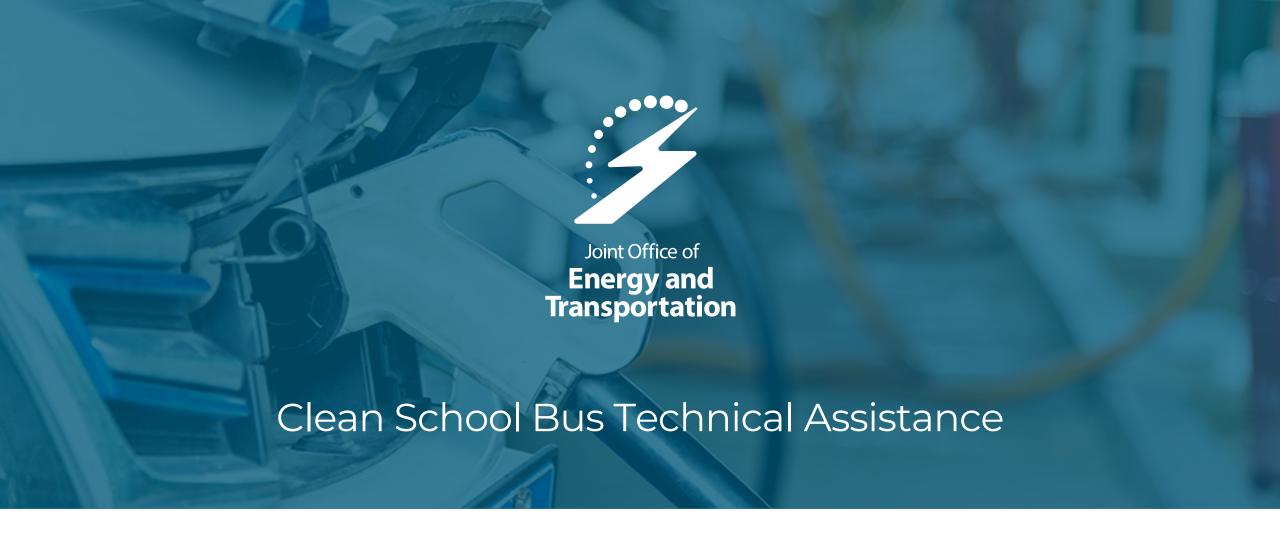




CLOSE OUT FORM WALKTHROUGH







Electric School Bus Technical Assistance

Direct technical assistance for eligible school bus fleets to plan for and deploy clean school buses



Transition School Buses to Clean and Zero-Emission Models

The Environmental Protection Agency's <u>Clean School Bus Program</u> provides \$5 billion over 5 years (fiscal years 2022 – 2026) to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission models. The Joint Office provides <u>technical assistance</u> to school districts to plan for and deploy clean school buses.

driveelectric.gov/bus

Examples of How The Joint Office Can Help

Coordinating with electric utilities

Identifying available funding and incentives

Analyzing charging infrastructure needs

Conducting route analysis and planning

Conducting training and workforce development

Resiliency (V2X)

Analyzing energy needs and grid impact

Identifying solar and battery storage opportunities

Ground-truth proposed infrastructure plans from OEMs, consultants, etc

- Request assistance via online form
- Initial response within 48 hours
- General questions and feedback welcome!



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Use this contact form to submit a media inquiry, ask a general question about Joint Office of Energy and Transportation resources and activities, or request technical assistance for states, tribal nations, or clean school buses or transit buses.

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Question & Answer Session





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Conclusion

Submit your Close Out Form by October 31, 2024.

EPA will be hosting office hours in the coming months to answer more of your questions as you complete the Close Out Form and transition to cleaner buses.

This presentation has been recorded in both English and Spanish. The recordings and slides will be posted to the Clean School Bus website.

Sign up for the <u>Clean School Bus Listserv</u> and continue to check <u>www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus</u> for updated resources and information future funding opportunities.

If you have any questions or additional feedback, please contact cleanschoolbus@epa.gov.





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