

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program – Fact Sheet

Program Background

Established by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- **\$5 Billion** will be available over the next 5 years (FY2022-FY2026)
 - \$500 million each year for Zero-Emission school buses
 - o \$500 million each year for "Clean" school buses
- Key definitions:
 - o **Zero-Emission:** a school bus that produces zero exhaust emission of any air pollutant and any greenhouse gas
 - o Clean: either Zero-Emission or one that uses, at least in part, an alternative fuel
 - o Alternative Fuel: propane, liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, or biofuels
- Eligible recipients:
 - State, local, or tribal government entities or public-school districts responsible for purchasing school buses or providing school bus services
 - Contractors that sell alternative fuel school buses, charging or fueling infrastructure, or other equipment needed to charge, fuel, or maintain clean or zero-emission school buses; or arrange financing for such a sale
- At least 40% of funding must go to priority communities which include High-Need Local Education Agencies, Tribal
 Schools, Rural or Low-Income Areas

2022 Funding Details



- Expected to open in late April and close in July
- All applications will enter a **lottery system**
 - At least \$500 million will be available this round, split between Zero-Emission and Clean school buses
 - Additional rebates may be funded, up to \$1 billion
- Eligible vehicles include School Bus Types A-D
- Scrappage will be required, the exact model year range is unknown
 - Existing diesel vehicles must operate 10,000 miles in the last 12 months or an average of 4 days/week transporting students
- EPA and Dept. of Education are working together to identify priority school districts

Start Preparing Today!

- Begin gathering required fleet information on existing vehicles in your fleet
 - EPA's <u>Bus Inventory Sheet</u> is a valuable tool to determine what information you need
- Register for an account on <u>System for Award Management</u> (<u>sam.gov</u>). Even if your organization is actively registered as an entity, be sure to review all registration information, including banking information, to ensure it is
- Contact your sales representative for information on eligible Blue Bird
 School Bus Products or go to www.newyorkbussales.com/contact-us/
- Sign up online for updates directly from the EPA





Final program guidelines are expected to release 1-2 weeks before the program opens

EPA's Clean School Bus Program: Zero-Emission and Clean School Bus Rebates

Informational Webinar

April 27, 2022, 1:00-2:00 PM Eastern



Authorized by the recently signed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's Clean School Bus Program provides \$5 billion over the next five years to replace school buses with low- and zero-emission school buses. The first funding opportunity under this program will be the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates. EPA will offer \$500 million for zero-emission and clean school bus rebates.

Join us virtually to learn:

- Who is eligible?
- What school districts are prioritized?
- What is the selection process?
- Which school buses are eligible for rebates?

Please note that due to ongoing program development, not all program details may be available at this time.

For more information on the Clean School Bus Program, visit our website at https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.

Register Today

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Clean School Bus Program Newsletter

Receive the latest information on upcoming funding opportunities, how to apply, eligible technologies and their benefits, and best practices and lessons learned.

Get Ready: Sign up for a SAM.gov Account Now!

Every applicant organization must have an active System for Award Management (SAM) entity registration. An entity registration is different from an individual user account on <u>SAM.gov</u>. Please check to ensure your organization is registered in <u>SAM.gov</u> and that the registration has not expired.

Note: Only Electronic Business (and alternates) and Government Business (and alternates) Points of Contact (POCs) listed under an active <u>SAM.gov</u> entity registration will be able to create, edit, save, and submit online Clean School Bus Rebate applications.

