



EPA's 2021 School Bus Rebates Webinar

- 2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates
- 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates



Wednesday, October 6, 2021 | 2:00 pm ET



Webinar Agenda

This webinar acts as a walkthrough for the 2021 DERA School Bus Rebates and the new 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates. Please refer to our website for the Program Guides and more details on the [DERA School Bus Rebates](#) and the [ARP School Bus Rebates](#).

We will cover:

- Background
- Overview of the DERA and ARP Rebates
- Eligibility
- Funding Amounts
- Application Submission
- Rebate Process: Next Steps





Diesel Emissions Overview

- Diesel engines emit harmful nitrogen oxides (NO_x), particulate matter (PM), and other pollutants
- While new buses must meet EPA's tougher emission standards, many older school buses continue to emit harmful diesel exhaust.
- Students are particularly vulnerable to air pollution both inside and near diesel school buses
 - Increased risk of asthma and other respiratory illnesses
- Bus drivers and other staff are also exposed to diesel exhaust





DERA Overview

- The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) allows EPA to offer rebates to replace old, dirty school buses
 - Rebates are selected in a lottery and selectees will receive payment after receiving new buses and scrapping old buses
 - Health benefits are achieved by scrapping old buses and replacing them with new, cleaner buses to reduce emissions
 - Depending on the engine model year of the buses being replaced, rebate projects can reduce emissions of PM and NOx by more than 90%
- DERA began offering rebates to replace old diesel school buses in 2012
 - The rebate program has funded over 2,000 school bus replacements to date



Overview of the DERA and ARP Rebates

- For the first time, EPA is offering two separate school bus rebate programs
- The new [2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates](#) run **concurrently** with the annual [DERA School Bus Rebates](#)
- Fleets can apply to both programs but cannot use funding from both programs on the same bus replacements
- Both programs include bus usage requirement flexibility for districts impacted by COVID-19



2021 DERA School Bus Rebates

- The 2021 DERA School Bus Rebates will offer approximately **\$10 million** to public and private fleet owners for the replacement of old diesel school buses with new buses certified to EPA's cleanest emission standards.
- Selected applicants that scrap and replace their old diesel buses will receive a rebate of **\$20,000-\$65,000** per bus, **depending on the fuel type of the replacement bus.**
 - Can be electric, diesel, gasoline, propane, or CNG



2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriated funds to the EPA for: “Activities that identify and address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in minority populations or low-income populations”
- The 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates will offer **\$7 million** to eligible school districts and private fleet owners for the replacement of old diesel school buses with new **electric school buses**.
- Selected applicants that scrap and replace their old diesel buses with new electric buses will receive a rebate of **\$300,000** per bus.



Eligible Applicants – DERA

- Applicant must be a regional, state, local, or tribal agency (including school districts & municipalities); or a
- Private company operating school buses
 - Private companies must have an existing contract with an entity above to provide transportation services to a specific school district
 - Companies that have subsidiaries under which their buses are registered may apply under the name of the parent company provided that the applicant submits a letter of explanation detailing the relationship between the parent company and subsidiaries



Eligible Applicants – ARP

1. Public school districts listed on the [ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Eligibility List](#)
 1. Districts on the eligibility list are estimated to have 30% or more students living in poverty based on the [US Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\) School District Estimates for 2019](#). States with zero school districts that make this cutoff will have one school district with the highest percent of students in poverty represented in the eligibility list.
2. Tribal schools, including federally recognized tribal governments responsible for providing school bus transportation
3. Private fleets that operate school buses under a contract with an eligible entity listed above



Eligibility List – ARP



2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Eligibility List

Office of Transportation and Air Quality
September 2021

Eligible applicants for 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates include:

- Public school districts listed below
 - Eligible school districts are derived from the [US Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\) School District Estimates for 2019](#). Please refer to Section 2 of the 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Program Guide for more details. The Program Guide will be posted [here](#) in late September.
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments responsible for providing school bus transportation
- Private entities that operate school buses under contract with an entity that falls under one of the above categories

This list is sorted alphabetically by state abbreviation and secondarily by school district name.

State	Eligible School District Name
AK	Hydaburg City School District
AK	Kashunamiut School District
AK	Lower Yukon School District
AK	St. Marys City School District
AK	Yukon Flats School District
AK	Yupiit School District
AL	Anniston City School District



Eligible Applicants – ARP & DERA

- Applicant must own the buses that will be replaced
 - Copy of vehicle title and registration must be provided as proof of ownership
 - Leased buses and buses with active lien-holders do not qualify
 - Public school districts may apply with state-owned buses as long as they receive an authorization letter from the state agency that owns the buses
 - Buses owned by federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Indian Affairs) are not eligible
- Applicant must commit to operating the new bus for **3 years** after receipt of the rebate payment



Eligible Number of Buses Per Applicant - DERA

- Applicants with school bus fleets totaling over 100 vehicles can submit up to 2 rebate applications for separate buses

Maximum Number of Replacements

Total Bus Fleet Size	Number of Applications Permitted	Bus Replacements Per Application	Total Replacements Per Applicant
1-100	1	Up to 10 replacements	Up to 10 replacements
101 and over	2	Up to 10 replacements	Up to 20 replacements



Eligibility for Old Vehicles to be Replaced – DERA

- Diesel school buses powered by a 2006 or older model year engine;
- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs 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; and
- Have accumulated at least 10,000 or more miles transporting students over either the previous 12 months or calendar year (Jan. – Dec.) 2019 **OR** have been in use for at least four days per week on average transporting students between 9/1/2019 and 2/29/2020.



Eligibility for New Replacement Buses - DERA

- Must not be ordered prior to receiving signed EPA selection letter;
- Powered by a certified 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 funds;
- Operate in a similar manner and over similar routes as the original school bus; and
- Meet Federal safety standards.



Eligibility for Old Vehicles to be Replaced – ARP

- Diesel school buses powered by a 2006 or older model year engine;
- Type C or D school bus;
- 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; and
- Have accumulated at least 10,000 or more miles transporting students over either the previous 12 months or calendar year (Jan. – Dec.) 2019 OR have been in use for at least four days per week on average transporting students between 9/1/2019 and 2/29/2020.



Eligibility for New Replacement Buses - ARP

- Must not be ordered prior to receiving signed EPA selection letter;
- Drivetrain operates solely on battery-electric power;
- Must be a Type C or D school bus;
- Be purchased, not leased or leased-to-own;
- Not funded with any other federal funds or Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funds;
- Operate in a similar manner and over similar routes as the original school bus; and
- Meet Federal safety standards.



Funding Amounts - DERA

- Rebates amounts are based on the fuel type of the replacement bus
- The maximum amount of funding that can be requested per application is \$300,000

Fuel Type of Replacement Bus	Rebate Amount per Bus
Diesel or Gasoline	\$20,000
Propane	\$25,000
Natural Gas (CNG/LNG)	\$30,000
Battery or Hydrogen Electric	\$65,000



Funding Amount - ARP

- Applicants can request funds for replacing up to 4 buses. The rebate amount per electric bus replacement is \$300,000, and the maximum amount of funding that can be requested per application is \$1,200,000.

	17-Character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) For Old Diesel Bus	Engine Model Year	GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating in lbs)	12-Character EPA Engine Family Name	2019 Miles Traveled	2019 Fuel Use (gallons)	Estimated Remaining Life (yrs)	Replacement Bus Fuel Type	Rebate Amount
1								Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
2								Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
3								Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
4								Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
Total Funds Requested:									\$1,200,000



Application Submission

- EPA started accepting applications on **September 29th**
- Application package must include:
 1. DERA or ARP application form
 - a. Note: The two programs require different application forms
 2. Vehicle title and registration for each bus listed
 - a. Authorization letter for public school districts applying with state-owned buses
 - b. If registration is not required in your state, please submit documentation indicating that school buses are not required to be registered
- Email application package to DERAREbates@epa.gov by **November 05, 2021, 4:00pm Eastern Time**
- Subject line:
 - **ARP: “2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebate Application -“** and the name of your organization
 - **DERA: “2021 DERA School Bus Rebate Application -”** and the name of your organization



Application Form

- Application PDFs are posted here:
 - DERA: www.epa.gov/dera/rebates
 - ARP: www.epa.gov/dera/2021-american-rescue-plan-arp-electric-school-bus-rebates
- Applicants must have a DUNS Code and an Employer ID Number (EIN). If you do not already have these IDs, you can sign up for them for free here:
 - DUNS: www.dnb.com/duns-number.html
 - EIN: www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online

*** The following two slides include screenshots of a sample application for a public school for the DERA Rebate Program.*



DERA School Bus Rebates Application

OMB Number: 2060-0686
Expiration Date: 4/30/2022

Applicant Information Funding Year: 2021 Target Fleet: School Bus Project Type: Vehicle Replacement

Applicant Organization Name: Anytown Public School District			
Applicant Street Address (No PO Boxes): 1234 Main St.			
City: Anytown	County: Anycounty	State: Illinois	Zip: 12345
Employer/Taxpayer No. (EIN/TIN): 12-3456789		DUNS Number: 987654321	
Applicant Organization Type: Public Fleet (includes public school districts) ▾			
Total number of school buses in organization's fleet: 140			
Do the schools served by the buses listed below have an idle reduction policy? Yes ▾			

Additional Fields for <u>Private Fleets Only</u>: Private fleet owners can apply for funding from the DERA School Bus Rebates if the vehicle(s) for which funding is being requested are currently contracted or leased to an eligible entity (e.g., public school). For additional information regarding private fleet applicants and eligible entities, please refer to the Program Guide.		
Type of eligible public entity vehicles are contracted with: Select ▾		
Public Entity Name:		
Public Entity Street Address:		Public Entity City:
Public Entity State:	Public Entity County:	Public Entity Zip:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check box to certify that the privately-owned vehicle(s) listed below are contracted with and serve the public entity listed above.	

Original diesel vehicle(s) that will be scrapped and replacement bus fuel type:

2021 DERA Application Form – Bottom of Pg. 1



Original diesel vehicles(s) that will be scrapped and replacement bus fuel type:

	17-Character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) For Old Diesel Bus	Engine Model Year	GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating in lbs)	12-Character EPA Engine Family Name	2019 Miles Traveled	2019 Fuel Use (gallons)	Estimated Remaining Life (yrs)	Replacement Bus Fuel Type	Rebate Amount
1	WA9AAA9AXY1234567	1998	31,000	WXXD00C00123	11,222	1,300	9	Diesel	\$20,000
2	XA9AAA9AXY1234568	1999	14,000	XXXD00C00123	13,000	1,200	7	CNG/LNG	\$30,000
3									\$0
4									\$0
5									\$0
6									\$0
7									\$0
8									\$0
9									\$0
10									\$0

Total Funds Requested: \$50,000

- Check box to certify that the diesel school buses listed for replacement are (1) operational, (2) owned by the Applicant, (3) have accumulated 10,000 miles or more in either the previous 12 months or calendar year (Jan-Dec) 2019, or been in use at least four days per week transporting students between 9/1/2019 and 2/29/2020, and (4) will be scrapped if selected for funding. Checking box also certifies that, for participating applicants selected for funding, the replacement buses will not be ordered until after being notified of selection via a signed EPA selection letter.
- By signing, I certify the statements and information provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected for funding, I agree to provide the required documentation and assurance necessary for funding.

Authorized Representative Name: Jane Smith

Title: Transportation Director Email: J.L.Smith@anytownschool.edu Phone: 123-456-7890

Authorized Representative Signature: *Jane Smith* Date: 10/5/21

Alternate Representative Name: John Wilson

Title: Vice Principal Email: J.M.Wilson@anytownschool.edu Phone: 123-456-7891

If signed electronically, click "Submit by Email" below and attach vehicle title and registration documents. For paper signatures, please scan the signed rebate application and submit to DERAREbates@epa.gov with vehicle title and registration documents as described in this funding opportunity's [2021 Program Guide](#).

Submit by Email



ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Application

OMB Number: 2060-0686
Expiration Date: 4/30/2022

Applicant Information Funding Year: 2021 Target Fleet: School Bus Project Type: Vehicle Replacement

Applicant Organization Name: Anytown Public School District			
Applicant Street Address (No PO Boxes): 1234 Main St.			
City: Anytown	County: Anycounty	State: Illinois	Zip: 12345
Employer/Taxpayer No. (EIN/TIN): 12-3456789		DUNS Number: 987654321	
Applicant Organization Type: Public School District on Eligibility List			
Total number of school buses in organization's fleet: 55			
Do the schools served by the buses listed below have an idle reduction policy? Yes			

Additional Fields for Private Fleets Only: Private fleet owners can apply for funding from the ARP Electric School Bus Rebates if the vehicle(s) for which funding is being requested are currently contracted or leased to an eligible entity. See the Eligibility List [here](#). For additional information regarding private fleet applicants and eligible entities, please refer to the Program Guide.

Type of Eligible Public Entity Vehicles are Contracted with: Select		
Public Entity Name:		
Public Entity Street Address:		Public Entity City:
Public Entity State:	Public Entity County:	Public Entity Zip:

Check box to certify that the privately-owned vehicle(s) listed below are contracted with and serve the public entity listed above and that replacement buses funded in this program will continue to serve that entity for at least three years.

Original diesel vehicle(s) that will be scrapped and replacement bus fuel type:

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Original diesel vehicles(s) that will be scrapped and replacement bus fuel type:

	17-Character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) For Old Diesel Bus	Engine Model Year	GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating in lbs)	12-Character EPA Engine Family Name	2019 Miles Traveled	2019 Fuel Use (gallons)	Estimated Remaining Life (yrs)	Replacement Bus Fuel Type	Rebate Amount
1	WA9AAA9AXY1234567	1998	31,000	WXXD00C00123	11,222	1,300	9	Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
2	XA9AAA9AXY1234568	1999	28,000	XXXD00C00123	13,000	1,200	7	Batt. Electric ▾	\$300,000
3								▾	\$0
4								▾	\$0
Total Funds Requested:									\$600,000

Check box to certify that: The diesel school buses listed for replacement are (1) operational, (2) owned by the Applicant, (3) have accumulated 10,000 miles or more in either the previous 12 months or calendar year (Jan-Dec) 2019, or been in use at least four days per week transporting students between 9/1/2019 and 2/29/2020, and (4) will be scrapped if selected for funding.

If selected for funding, the replacement Type C or Type D electric school buses will not be ordered until after being notified of selection via a signed EPA selection letter and that those replacement buses will continue to serve the eligible school district for at least three years. Replacement buses will not be funded with VW Mitigation Trust Funds or other federal funds. The total of 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates funds and other eligible external funds will not exceed the cost of the new buses, including the cost of charging equipment/infrastructure for those buses.

By signing, I certify the statements and information provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected for funding, I agree to provide the required documentation and assurance necessary for funding.

Authorized Representative Name: Jane Smith

Title: Transportation Director Email: J.L.Smith@anytownschool.edu Phone: 123-456-7890

Authorized Representative Signature: *Jane Smith* Date: 10/5/2021

Alternate Representative Name: John Wilson

Title: Vice Principal Email: J.M.Wilson@anytownschool.edu Phone: 123-456-7891

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Submit by Email



Application Form - Tips

- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is typically listed on the VIN tag which is often located near the driver's seat
- Engine Model Year is listed on the engine tag, typically mounted on the engine itself
- EPA Engine Family Name is a 12-character number/letter ID listed on the engine tag
 - For example, 1NVXH0466ANB
 - If the EPA engine family name does not appear on the engine or it is difficult to read, the manufacturer of your engine may be able to assist you in determining the engine family name. Some manufacturers also have online tools where their customers can enter engine serial numbers and determine the engine family name.
- Estimated Remaining Life is your best estimate of years of remaining useful life of the bus (including possible second lives with other fleets) were it not being scrapped.

Application Form – Tips VIN Tag (Section 5)



821280

MANUFACTURED BY
AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

DATE OF MANUFACTURE 05 MO. 01 YR.

GVWR 16,034 KGS (35,350 LBS)

GAWR FRONT 5,601 KGS (12,350 LBS) WITH
295/75R22.5G TIRES 14 PLY AT
758 KPa (110 PSI) COLD
RIMS 22.5X9.00 AXLE SINGLE

GAWR REAR 10,432KGS (23,000 LBS) WITH
11R22.5 H TIRES 14 PLY AT
758 KPa (110 PSI) COLD
RIMS 22.5X8.25 AXLE DUAL

**THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL
APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR
VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN
EFFECT ON THE DATE OF
MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE.**

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO.
1HVBGAAR01A917002

VEHICLE TYPE
SCHOOL BUS BODY# 2020

Gross Vehicle
Weight Rating (lbs.)

17-character VIN

2020 DERA School Bus Rebates

Application Form – Tips Engine Tag (Section 5)



12-character EPA engine family name

Engine model year

Other engine family identification. Insufficient number of characters to be the 12-character EPA engine family name. Do not use this ID on your rebate materials.

INTERNATIONAL	
IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION IMPORTANT MOTEUR INFORMATIONS	
ENGINE MANUFACTURED BY: MOTEUR FABRIQUÉ PAR: INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION	
DISPLACEMENT :	466 in ³
CYLINDER :	7.6 L
EMISSION FAMILY	INVXHD466ANB
MODEL / MODÈLE	CH230
ADJ. BHP @ RPM PUISANCE AJ. TR/MIN	230 @ 2300
LB-FT TORQ. @ RPM COUPLE LB-PI À TR/MIN	660 @ 1400
EMISSIONS CONTROL SYSTEMS DI, TC, ECM, CAC	
FAMILLE DE MOTEUR: DT-466 HT	

THIS ENGINE HAS A PRIMARY INTENDED SERVICE APPLICATION AS A MEDIUM HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL ENGINE AND CONFORMS TO U.S. EPA, CALIFORNIA, AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE FOR THE IMPLIED MODEL YEAR, AND IS CERTIFIED TO OPERATE ON DIESEL FUEL.

CE MOTEUR A ÉTÉ PRINCIPALEMENT CONÇU EN TANT QU'UN MOTEUR DIESEL ROBUSTE DE GAMME MOYENNE ET EST CONFORME AUX RÈGLEMENTS DE L'EPA, AUSTRALIEN ET DU CANADA, APPLICABLES À L'ANNÉE DE MODÈLE IMPLIÉE, ET EST CERTIFIÉ POUR FONCTIONNER AU CARBURANT DIESEL.



Selection of Participants

- All applications that are submitted to EPA by the deadline will be assigned a unique identification number. These numbers will be placed in an ordered list using a random number generator lottery process.
- After selection, each selectee will be assigned an EPA contact to work with throughout the rebate process. The rebate contact will confirm applicant eligibility and assist the applicant with any questions.

EPA will select applicants for funding from the list in this order:

DERA	<u>ARP</u>
1. The single highest ranked* applicant from each state and territory	1. The single highest ranked tribal applicant
2. The remaining highest ranked applicants until all EPA HQ funds are allocated	2. The single highest ranked applicant from each EPA region not represented by the selected tribal applicant
3. If an EPA Region contributes additional funding to the rebate program, the remaining highest ranked applicants from that Region until all funds provided by that Region are allocated	3. The remaining highest ranked applicants until all funds are allocated

*"Ranked" meaning highest position in the randomly ordered list



Notification of Selectees

- EPA will notify selectees and those applicants that are on the wait list within approximately 90 days of the application deadline.
- Selectees must register in the System for Award Management (SAM). EPA will direct selectees to register in SAM prior to receiving their official selection letter. Information can be found at www.sam.gov.
 - Be advised, there are some companies that claim to offer assistance with the sam.gov registration process for a fee. Please avoid any non “.gov” websites in this process and complete your free registration on www.sam.gov. You can find free support resources at the Federal Service Desk here: www.fsd.gov
- After the selectee receives the official signed selection letter from EPA, they can purchase the eligible replacement school bus.



Purchase Order

- Proof of purchase for the new school bus (and EV charger, for ARP) is required to be submitted to EPA within 90 days of the date of the selection letter. The date of the purchase cannot pre-date the date of the selection letter.
- The proof of purchase may be a procurement request, purchase order, or any other document that clearly shows a transaction being initiated between the selectee and a school bus vendor.
- It must show:
 - 1) Purchaser name, address, and phone number;
 - 2) Vendor name, address, and phone number;
 - 3) Vehicle make, model, fuel type, engine model year, and purchase price;
 - 4) EV charger make, model, and purchase price (*ARP only)
 - 5) Purchase order date; and
 - 6) Delivery date estimate.



Delivery of New Bus

- Selectees must take delivery of the new vehicle within eight months from the date of the selection letter and prior to submitting the payment request to EPA.
 - Fleets can request extensions to the payment request deadline. EPA will review these requests on a case-by-case basis and may grant extensions if sufficient justification is provided (e.g., manufacturing delays with new bus)
- Proof of delivery must be submitted to EPA with the Payment Request Form



Scrappage Requirements

- Replaced school buses must be scrapped by drilling a 3” hole in the engine block and cutting the chassis rail in half
- Proof of scrappage is required with pictures and a letter
- Equipment that is not part of the engine or chassis may be salvaged. You do not need to report income from scrappage.

Photo	File Name
Side profile of the bus	SideProfile####.jpg
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) label	VIN####.jpg
Engine plate showing the EPA engine family name	EngineTag####.jpg
Chassis rail cut in half	Chassis####.jpg
Engine block, prior to hole being drilled	EngineBlockPrior####.jpg
Engine block, after hole has been drilled	EngineBlockAfter####.jpg



Payment Request

- Payment Request package includes:
 - Payment Request Form
 - Proof of scrappage
 - 6 photos per bus + scrappage letter
 - Copy of new bus invoice
 - Copy of proof of delivery



Payment

- EPA will review the payment request documents
- If all requirements are met, EPA will issue rebate funds electronically to the selectee, typically within one month.



Rebate Timeline

Wednesday, September 29, 2021	2021 DERA School Bus Rebates and 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates open. EPA begins accepting application submissions to DERAREbates@epa.gov
Thursday, October 28, 2021	Deadline for submitting application questions to DERA@epa.gov helpline
Friday, November 5, 2021, 4pm Eastern Time	Deadline for submitting applications
January-February 2022 (Estimated)	EPA posts selectees and wait list online and emails official selection letters to selectees
April 2022 (Estimated)	Deadline for submitting copies of purchase orders for replacement buses to EPA (90 days after the date on the selection letters)
September 2022 (Estimated)	Deadline for Payment Request Form and supporting documentation (8 months after the date on the selection letters)
Within one month of receipt of complete Payment Request Form and supporting documentation	EPA will process the payment and the selectee will receive an electronic deposit in the bank account associated with their SAM.gov registration



Additional Requirements

- Buses must be available for follow-up inspection for 3 years after receipt of the rebate payment
- Selectees must maintain all records and documentation for 3 years after the receipt of the rebate payment
- Cannot use rebate funds on the same bus replacement project as other federal funds or VW Environmental Mitigation Funds distributed by a state or tribal agency
 - E.g., Cannot combine DERA State Grant funds with DERA School Bus Rebate funds on the same bus



Common Issues

- If you have trouble electronically signing the rebate application PDF, please print out the application, sign it, and email a scan of the application with the vehicle title and registration scans to DERARebates@epa.gov
- Eligibility is based on engine model year, not vehicle model year
 - Often, engine model year is one or more years prior to vehicle model year. See Program Guide for guidance on determining engine model year.
- **Do not wait until the last minute to begin filling out your application**

Summary of Key Differences Between 2021 ARP and DERA Rebates



	<u>ARP Electric School Bus Rebates</u>	<u>2021 DERA School Bus Rebates</u>
Application Period	September 29 th to November 5 th at 4pm EST	
Eligible Applicants	Targeted eligibility to underserved school districts, tribal schools, and private fleets serving those schools. Eligible applicants list is posted on website.	All public school districts and private fleets serving those schools
Replacement Bus Fuel Type	Must be electric	Can be electric, diesel, gasoline, propane, or CNG buses meeting current emission standards
Bus Size	Old and new buses must be Type C or Type D school buses	Old and new buses must have Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 lbs
Total Funds Available	\$7,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rebate Amount	\$300,000 per bus for up to 4 buses for a maximum rebate amount of \$1.2 million	\$20,000 - \$65,000 per bus depending on fuel type of the replacement bus for up to 10 buses with a maximum rebate amount of \$300,000
Number of Applications	Eligible applicants can only submit 1 application	Eligible applicants with fleets larger than 100 school buses can submit up to 2 applications
Selection Process	Lottery with some prioritization for geographic diversity	



Questions?

- 2021 DERA School Bus Rebate webpage:
 - www.epa.gov/dera/rebates
- 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates webpage:
 - <https://www.epa.gov/dera/2021-american-rescue-plan-arp-electric-school-bus-rebates>
- For questions on applying, please first review the FAQs posted on the sites above. Additional questions can be directed to DERA@epa.gov. We will be adding new questions to the FAQ through October 28th.



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