



# 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Program

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# Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Clean School Bus Program

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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.

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These new clean school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors.

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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.

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The first funding opportunity under this program is the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates.

# Clean School Bus Program Available Funding

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## Funding Pools and Number of Applications

School districts applying directly for funds may only submit one application to replace up to 25 buses.

EPA will not fund multiple applications for bus replacements that will serve the same school district.

## \$500 Million in Available Funding for 2022 CSB Rebates

Zero Emission Funding Pool:

Applications **exclusively requesting zero-emission buses**

Clean School Bus Funding Pool:

Applications requesting **zero-emission, propane, and/or compressed natural gas (CNG) buses**

# Eligible Applicants

State and local governmental entities responsible for:

- 1) providing bus service to 1 or more public school systems; or
- 2) the purchase of school buses

Nonprofit School  
Transportation Associations

Indian Tribes, Tribal  
Organizations, or tribally  
controlled schools

Eligible Contractors

# Prioritized Applicants

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allows EPA to prioritize certain applicants.
- Applicants requesting funds to replace school buses that serve a school district that meets one or more of the **prioritization criteria** will be offered more funding per bus and receive preference in the selection process.
- EPA offers equal prioritization for school districts that meet one or multiple prioritization criteria.
- School districts that qualify under one or more of the prioritizations are identified in **EPA's prioritized funding list.**

# Prioritization Criteria

## 1. High-need school districts and low-income areas

- School districts listed in the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) School District Estimates for 2020 as having **20% or more students living in poverty**
- School districts not listed in the SAIPE data, including most charter schools, **that self-certify as having 20% or more students living in poverty.** *EPA may ask for supporting documentation to confirm this self-certification.*
- School districts located in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## 2. Rural school districts

- School districts identified with locale codes “43-Rural: Remote” and “42-Rural: Distant” by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

## 3. Tribal school districts

- Bureau of Indian Affairs funded school districts and school districts that receive basic support payments for children who reside on Indian land



# School Bus Replacement Guidelines

- Buses eligible for replacement must be 2010 or older diesel-powered school buses that will be scrapped if selected for funding.
- If a fleet has no eligible 2010 or older diesel school buses and is requesting zero-emission school bus replacements, the fleet can either:
  - Scrap 2010 or older non-diesel internal combustion engine buses; or
  - Scrap, sell, or donate 2011 or newer internal combustion engine buses





# School Bus Replacement Guidelines (Continued)

Buses eligible for replacement must:

- Have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs. or more.
- Be operational at the time of application submission.
- Have provided bus service to a public school district for at least 3 days/week on average during the 2021/2022 school year at the time of applying, excluding COVID-related school closures.



# School Bus Replacement Guidelines



## **New replacement buses must:**

- Have a battery-electric, CNG, or propane drivetrain.
- Be EPA certified vehicle model year 2021 or newer.
- Have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs. or more.
- Not be ordered prior to receiving official notification of selection for EPA funding.
- Be purchased, not leased or leased-to-own.

# School Bus Replacement Funding

The maximum rebate amount per bus is dependent on:

- Bus Fuel Type
- Bus Size
- Whether the school district served by the buses meets one or more prioritization criteria

## Maximum Bus Funding Amount per Replacement School Bus

School District Prioritization Status	Replacement Bus Fuel Type and Size					
	ZE – Class 7+	ZE – Class 3-6	CNG – Class 7+	CNG – Class 3-6	Propane – Class 7+	Propane – Class 3-6
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	\$375,000	\$285,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Buses serving other eligible school districts	\$250,000	\$190,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000

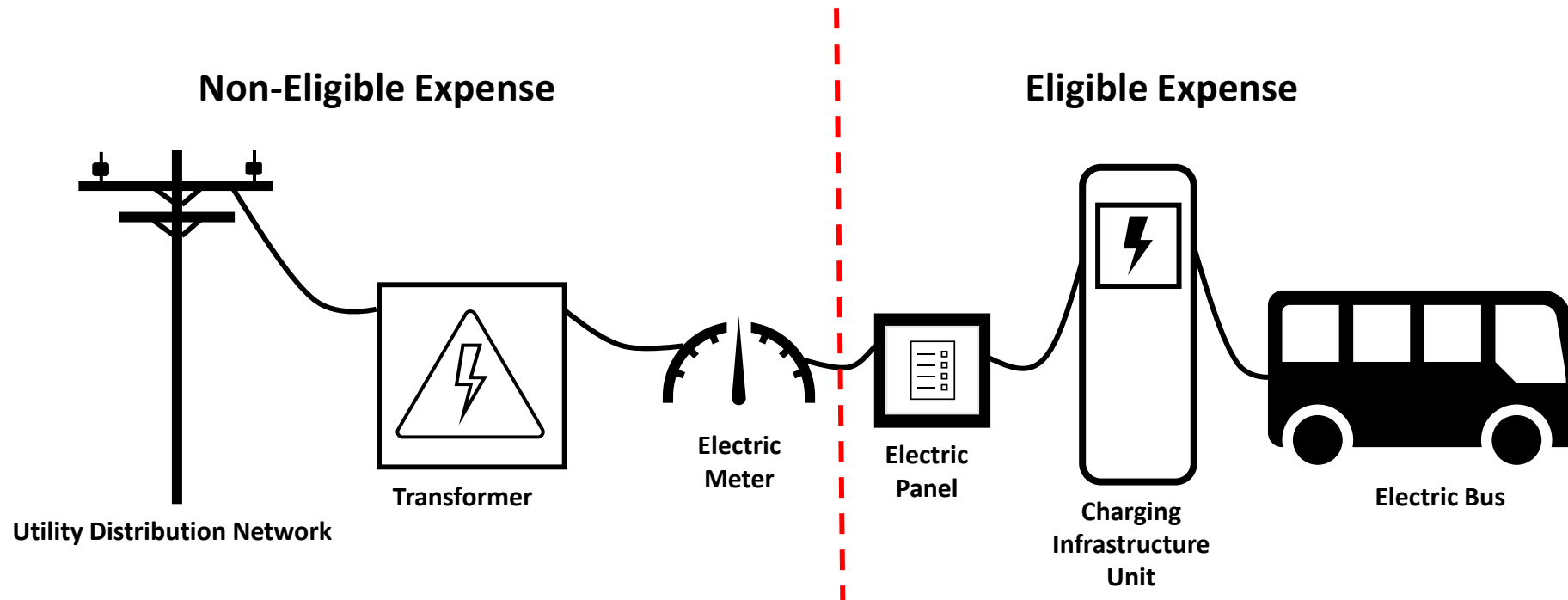
# Infrastructure Funding

- EPA emphasizing school districts to talk to their utility now if they are interested in zero-emission buses
- EPA is working closely with DOE/DOT Joint Office on school bus infrastructure issues, applicant support

School District Prioritization Status	ZE – Class 3+ Infrastructure Funding
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	\$20,000/bus
Buses serving other eligible school districts	\$13,000/bus

# Infrastructure Funding Restrictions

- EPA funding for infrastructure is limited to the fleet's side of the meter (as shown on the right side of the diagram).
- All Level 2 charging infrastructure purchased under this program must be [EPA ENERGY STAR certified chargers](#).
  - EPA strongly recommends that all other charging infrastructure (for example DC Fast-Charge) purchased under this program be listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).



# Clean School Bus Rebate Timeline

Activity	Date
2022 CSB Rebates open. EPA begins accepting applications submitted via online form	May 20, 2022 – 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 infrastructure, replace old buses, and submit Close Out Forms	October 2024



May 20 event with V.P. Harris and Admin. Regan announcing the rebate program opening

For more information, please see:

<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus>