



**BLUE BIRD**

# 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
  - \$500 million each year for “Clean” school buses
- Key definitions:
  - **Zero-Emission:** a school bus that produces zero exhaust emission of any air pollutant and any greenhouse gas
  - **Clean:** either Zero-Emission or one that uses, at least in part, an alternative fuel
  - **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 [Bus Inventory Sheet](#) is a valuable tool to determine what information you need
- Register for an account on [System for Award Management \(sam.gov\)](#). Even if your organization is actively registered as an entity, be sure to review all registration information, including banking information, to ensure it is accurate
- **Contact your local Blue Bird dealer** for information on eligible Blue Bird School Bus Products or go to [www.blue-bird.com](http://www.blue-bird.com)
- [Sign up online](#) for updates directly from the EPA



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