

# National Clean Diesel Rebate Program 2017 School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Funding Opportunity



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## Summary

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for school bus fleets that serve public schools. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is accepting applications nationwide for rebates to assist in **retrofitting** or **replacing** old diesel school buses in order to achieve significant reductions in student's exposure to harmful emissions. EPA anticipates awarding over \$7 million from this funding opportunity, with up to **\$1 million available for funding retrofits**.

## Important Dates

September 28, 2017	Program opens. EPA begins accepting application submissions.
October 5, 2017 2-3 p.m. Eastern Time	Webinar (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates">www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates</a> for details)
November 14, 2017, 4pm Eastern Time	Application submission deadline
December 2017 (Estimated)	EPA posts selectees and waiting list online and emails official selection letters to selectees
April 2018 (Estimated)	Deadline for submission of purchase orders for replacement buses and retrofits (90 days after the date on the selection letters)
September 2018 (Estimated)	Deadline for payment documentation demonstrating installation of retrofits, delivery of replacement buses, and scrappage of old buses
Within one month of receipt of payment documentation	Selectees will receive their rebate payment

## Eligible Entities

- Regional, state, or tribal agencies including school districts and municipalities; or
- Private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an entity listed above

## Eligible School Buses

- Used to transport 10+ pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students to school or homes
- Driven 10k or more miles over the last 12 months or in use 3+ days/week during the school year
- Class 3-8 [over 10,001 lb. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)] diesel-powered buses
- **Replacements:** Buses powered by 2006 or older model year engines must be replaced with buses powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine and can qualify for \$15,000-\$20,000 depending on the GVWR of the replacement buses.
- **Retrofits:** Buses powered by 1994-2006 model year engines must be retrofitted with an EPA verified Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) and have the option of adding a Closed Crankcase Ventilation (CCV) system and Fuel Operated Heater (FOH). DOC retrofits can qualify for up to \$3000, DOC+CCV up to \$4000, DOC+FOH up to \$5000, and DOC+CCV+FOH up to \$6000.  
**\*\*\*Rebate amounts should cover the expense of all parts and installation\*\*\***

***These retrofit options are ideal for schools that are not ready for the cost of replacing their older buses, but are still interested in reducing harmful emissions.***

## Additional Resources

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the **2017 School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Rebate Program Guide** PDF posted on the following website:  
[www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates)

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