



EPA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

\$5 billion to replace existing diesel school buses with cleaner and healthier zero- and low-emissions school buses.



School buses travel over four billion miles each year, providing the safest transportation to and from school for more than 25 million children everyday. However, diesel exhaust from these buses can contribute to air quality problems and has a negative impact on human health, especially for children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$5 billion over the next five years (FY22-26) to clean a substantial portion of the nation's fleet of nearly 500,000 school buses. These new cleaner school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors. 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.

Under the Clean School Bus Program, half of the available funding is dedicated for zero-emission school buses and half is for clean school buses.

- **Zero-emission school bus:** a school bus that produces zero exhaust emission of any air pollutant and any greenhouse gas.
- **Clean school bus:** As defined by the BIL, a school bus that reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using an alternative fuel or is a zero-emission bus.

Learn more about the benefits of clean school buses and how you can participate in this program at epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.

