

AEP Electric Bus Funding Request

School Bus Replacement Projects

The criteria for School Bus Replacement Projects are set forth below.¹

For School Bus Replacement Projects, all of the following criteria must be met:

- 1) The school district must be located in Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia, and the bus must be operated within these states.
- 2) The school district must own the existing school bus that will be replaced, or
 - a) If the bus is state-owned, the school district must receive an authorized letter from the state agency that owns the bus allowing the district to acquire the new school bus and scrap the existing bus; or
 - b) If the bus is owned by a third-party contractor, the contractor must:
 - i) Provide an authorized letter to the school district allowing the existing bus to be
 - ii) scrapped and agreeing to purchase an eligible replacement bus;
 - iii) Supply written certifications of eligibility for the new and replacement buses; and
 - iv) Be serving the school district under a long-term contract for transportation services and the remaining lease or contract term equals three years or more.
 - c) Buses owned by Federal agencies are not eligible.
- 3) The existing school bus that will be replaced must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - a) It is and has been for the past twenty-four (24) months used primarily to transport ten (10) or more students to a public pre- primary, primary, or secondary school;
 - b) It is rated Class 3-8, as defined by the Department of Transportation's vehicle service classifications;
 - c) It has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of at least 10,001 pounds;
 - d) It has accumulated at least 10,000 miles transporting students, or has been used at least three days each week transporting students during at least one of the last three school years;
 - e) It has a diesel-powered engine with a model year of 1996-2009 or older;
 - f) It is able to start, move in all directions, and has all operational parts.
- 4) The replacement school bus must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - a) It will operate in the same manner and over similar routes as the existing bus that it replaces;

¹ The criteria are set forth for an individual bus, and must be satisfied for each bus included in a Project if multiple buses are being replaced.

- b) It is model year 2019 or later;
 - c) It meets all applicable engine standards, certifications, and/or verifications and shall be retained for its useful life by the new owner;
 - d) It meets all Federal safety standards and has all required warranties.
- 5) The school district or third-party contractor, as applicable, must provide a signed certification that each diesel bus that is replaced is scrapped or rendered permanently disabled within ninety (90) days of being replaced.
- a) Specifically, the district or contractor must certify disabling by:
 - i) Cutting a three-inch by three-inch (3" x 3") hole in the engine block (the part of the engine containing the cylinders);
 - ii) Disabling the chassis by cutting through the frame/rails on each side at a point located between the front and rear axles; and
 - iii) Submitting a signed certificate of destruction and digital photos of the engine tag (so that the serial number, engine family number, an engine model year are visible) and additional photos showing the method of destruction (destroyed engine block and cut frame/rails).

Equipment and vehicle components that are not part of the engine or chassis may be salvaged from the existing bus (e.g., plow blades, shovels, seats, tires, etc.) and sold or reused.