



AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative



Clean Buses. Cleaner Air. Healthier Schools & Communities.

South Coast AQMD is offering financial incentives to replace older school buses with zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure benefiting communities most impacted by air pollution. This program helps reduce smog-forming pollution and diesel exhaust while supporting cleaner transportation for students.



Incentive Program Description:

South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative is an incentive program designed to focus solely on school-related community projects located in disadvantaged communities as identified under the [AB 617 Program](#). At least \$30 million is available under this solicitation from the AB 617 Community Air Protection Incentive Funds.



Applicant Eligibility:

Private transportation providers that own their own school buses and are contracted with and servicing public school districts located in communities identified under the [AB 617 Program](#).



Program Benefits:

- Emission reductions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM10) and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG).
- Financial incentives to privately-owned school bus fleets to replace in-use heavy-duty school buses with zero-emission school buses and charging infrastructure that will achieve emission reductions that are real, surplus, quantifiable and enforceable.

Maximum Program Funding Amounts for School Bus Replacement and Charging Infrastructure

School Bus Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	School Bus Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	School Bus Replacement	Charging Infrastructure
>8,501 lbs)	Zero Emission	Up to 95% of eligible costs	Up to 60% of eligible costs

Eligible Projects Must Meet the Following Requirements:

- ✓ Existing school bus must be diesel, CNG, or propane fueled
- ✓ The existing school bus must have GVWR greater than 8,501 lbs.
- ✓ The existing school bus must be currently registered with the DMV
- ✓ Must be compliant with CARB's Truck and Bus Regulation
- ✓ Must be willing to crush/dismantle existing school bus once replaced
- ✓ Replacement school bus must be CARB certified zero-emission school bus technology



Application Window: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – Tuesday, April 7, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.



To apply, access South Coast AQMD's AB 617 CAP Incentives Online Grant Management System at: www.aqmd.gov/cleancommunityschools

