

# New York School Bus Incentive Program



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## School Districts Can Electrify School Bus Fleets Today

In the April 2022 budget passed by the New York State Legislature and signed by Governor Hochul, the State established a deadline for the transition to zero-emission buses. Specifically, all school buses purchased by 2027 must be zero-emission buses, with the entire fleet transitioned to zero-emission by 2035. In 2022, voters across New York State overwhelmingly voted for the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act (Bond Act), which includes \$500 million to support the transition to zero-emission school buses. NYSERDA has established the NY School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP) as a point-of-sale incentive program. The program will accelerate the deployment of zero-emission school buses throughout New York State.

### Voucher Process At A Glance

Manufacturers, Dealers, and Eligible Purchasers work together to take advantage of the incentive program.



**Step 1.** Manufacturers of electric school buses apply to NYSERDA for inclusion on the Eligible Vehicle List.



**Step 2.** Dealers of electric school buses apply to NYSERDA for approval to sell Eligible Vehicles.



**Step 3.** Purchaser selects bus from Eligible Vehicle List and initiates purchase with Dealer. If Purchaser wishes to take advantage of scrappage bonus, Purchaser designates an old bus for scrappage.



**Step 4.** Dealer applies for the financial incentive and submits Voucher Application and supporting documentation to NYSERDA.



**Step 5.** Once the new electric school bus is in operation, and the old bus (if applicable) has been scrapped, the Dealer is reimbursed. The final purchase price reflects the voucher amount.

## Base Voucher Amounts

The base voucher amounts for the NYSBIP intend to cover a large percentage of the incremental cost difference between a new or repowered electric school bus and a comparable diesel/gasoline bus. Voucher amounts are categorized by bus type (e.g., Type A, Type C, Type D), and by bus status (purchased new or repowered).

School Bus Type	Percentage of Incremental Cost Covered	Base Voucher Dollar Amount
New Type A (NTA)	60%	\$114,000
New Type C (NTC)	60%	\$147,000
New Type D (NTD)	60%	\$156,000
Repowered Type A (RTA)	75%	\$105,000
Repowered Type C (RTC)	75%	\$135,000

## Bonuses

By meeting additional criteria, voucher amounts can be increased with two additional bonuses:

- 1. Bus serving a Priority District.** To find out if your school district is considered a Priority District, visit [nyscrda.ny.gov/electric-school-bus](https://nyscrda.ny.gov/electric-school-bus) and view the Priority District list.
- 2. The bus being replaced is scrapped.** Scrapping is verifiably rendering inoperable an Internal Combustion Engine vehicle with an engine dated 7 years or older than the year of application. This is done by cutting a three-inch hole in the engine block and disabling the chassis by cutting the vehicle's frame rails completely in half.

## Complementary Vehicle Add-On

In addition to the bonus amounts, two additional 'add-ons' are available for Purchasers that request specialized equipment be installed on their bus. The amounts are intended to help cover the additional expenses associated with these vehicle modifications:

School Bus Type	Priority District Bonus Amount	Scrappage Bonus Amount	Vehicle-to-Grid Capability Complementary Add-On Amount	Wheelchair Complementary Add-On Amount
NTA	\$28,500	\$47,500	\$9,500	\$8,000
NTC	\$36,750	\$61,250	\$12,250	\$8,000
NTD	\$39,000	\$65,000	\$13,000	\$8,000
RTA	\$21,000	N/A	\$7,000	N/A
RTC	\$27,000	N/A	\$9,000	N/A

## Eligible Purchasers

In terms of ownership, the following Fleets may apply to NYSBIP:

- New York State public school districts or other public entities that provide pupil transportation services
- Third-party operators under contract with a New York State public school district

## Eligible Vehicles

Starting November 29, 2023, applicants interested in purchasing an electric school bus can visit [nyscrda.ny.gov/School-Bus-Program](https://nyscrda.ny.gov/School-Bus-Program) and choose electric school bus models from the Eligible Vehicles List and purchase through an Eligible Dealer.



### More Information

Visit [nyscrda.ny.gov/school-bus-program](https://nyscrda.ny.gov/school-bus-program)  
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