

ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES: MICHIGAN

Michigan has seen significant progress in securing electric school buses (ESBs) in recent years. 321 ESBs have been awarded across 61 school districts. This transition prioritizes student health, clean energy, reduced emissions, and improved community air quality.



School Districts

Through various state and federal funding rounds, 63 school districts have been awarded electric school buses (ESBs), most of which are in priority counties and environmental justice communities.



Current Funding Opportunities

Current funding opportunities include the 2024 round of rebates through the EPA's Clean School Bus Program (CSBP) and the state's Clean Bus Energy Grant (CBEG) Program, which is collaboratively managed by Michigan's Departments of Education and Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. CBEG information can be found on the [Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation \(MAPT\) website](https://michiganassociation.org/pupil-transportation).



Student and Community Health

In Michigan, about 850,000 students ride school buses, and around 137,400 children in the state have asthma, underscoring the importance of improving air quality by transitioning to electric school buses. These zero-emission electric buses will help to protect children's health and vulnerable communities.



Testimonials

"Our job is to educate kids. [...] We need to make sure that they understand how to advocate for themselves, for their health, for their welfare, but I also want to make sure I teach them about the environment. They also might grow up and make sure they have solar arrays on their home and make sure that they're helping out the environment in their way, too. I think that the power of these buses [...] is going to be far more reaching than we'll ever know, you know? Putting clean buses on the road, that's important."

Stephen C. Seelye, Superintendent, Pellston Public Schools



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