

School Bus Purchase Program FAQ's

Q. Can the distributed funds be used to purchase a used school bus?

A. Yes, However, the used school bus cannot be older than a model year 2014.

Q. My district approved the purchase of a new bus at March board meeting. Can I still use the funding from the School Bus Purchase program to pay for the bus?

A. Yes, Funds are not available until July 1, 2020. The funds cannot have been spent prior to March 20, 2020.

Q. On the Award Acceptance & Statement of Assurance it asks number of buses to be purchased using the program funds. We are interested in purchasing additional buses, only if additional funds become available. Do you want listed the potential number of buses we are interested in, should funds become available or the actual number funded for at this allocation?

A. No, Only list the buses you will purchase with this award amount. If offered a second round another letter and acceptance will accompany it.

Q. My board requires the bus specs to be approved by them. They also require bid process and approval by the board. How can I submit the required quote within the deadline with this process?

A. Submit board resolution approval indicating the district is accepting the funding for purchase of school bus. Remaining documentation can be submitted at a later date.

Q. Can the funds be used to purchase a vehicle other than a school bus (i.e. van, SUV, etc.) for special needs use?

A. No, Funding is restricted to yellow school bus purchase(s).

Q. I cannot find the award amount in CCIP. Is it there yet?

A. Yes, please ensure you are looking at FY2021 data budget.

Q. When the assurances form states that I need to list the bus taken out of regular route service. Does that mean I have dispose of that bus or can I make a regular service route bus a spare bus and trade-in/dispose of another bus?

A. No, You take a bus 8 model years or older out of regular route service and you can make that a "spare" bus and trade-in/dispose of another bus.