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***Funding opportunities have never been better for school districts to get funding to electrify student transportation and install charging equipment.***

To help inform your path forward, the Green Transportation Program has collected the following resources from select trusted sources.

## WA Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

The [OSPI student transportation website](#) includes resources of interest to school district transportation managers, including details about the bidding process for school buses.

## Diesel Reduction and VW Funding Grants

WA Dept. of Ecology provides grants using funds from the [Clean Diesel Grants program](#) and [Volkswagen Enforcement Action Grants](#):

- **Air Quality Clean School Bus Grant Program:** For school bus owners that transport students to Central and Eastern Washington K-12 schools overseen by OSPI.
- **Air Quality Clean Diesel Grant Program:** For cities, counties, public utility districts/co-ops, ports, transit authorities, school districts, state government, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and local clean air agencies.
- **Volkswagen Enforcement Action Grants:** Includes grants to help school districts purchase ESBs to help reduce air pollution from vehicles.

See the latest funding opportunities on our [Funding Opportunities page](#).

## U.S. EPA

[EPA](#) regularly updates their grant and rebate opportunities to help school districts purchase electric school buses (ESBs) and charging equipment. We summarize these on our [Funding Opportunities page](#).

## World Resources Institute (WRI)

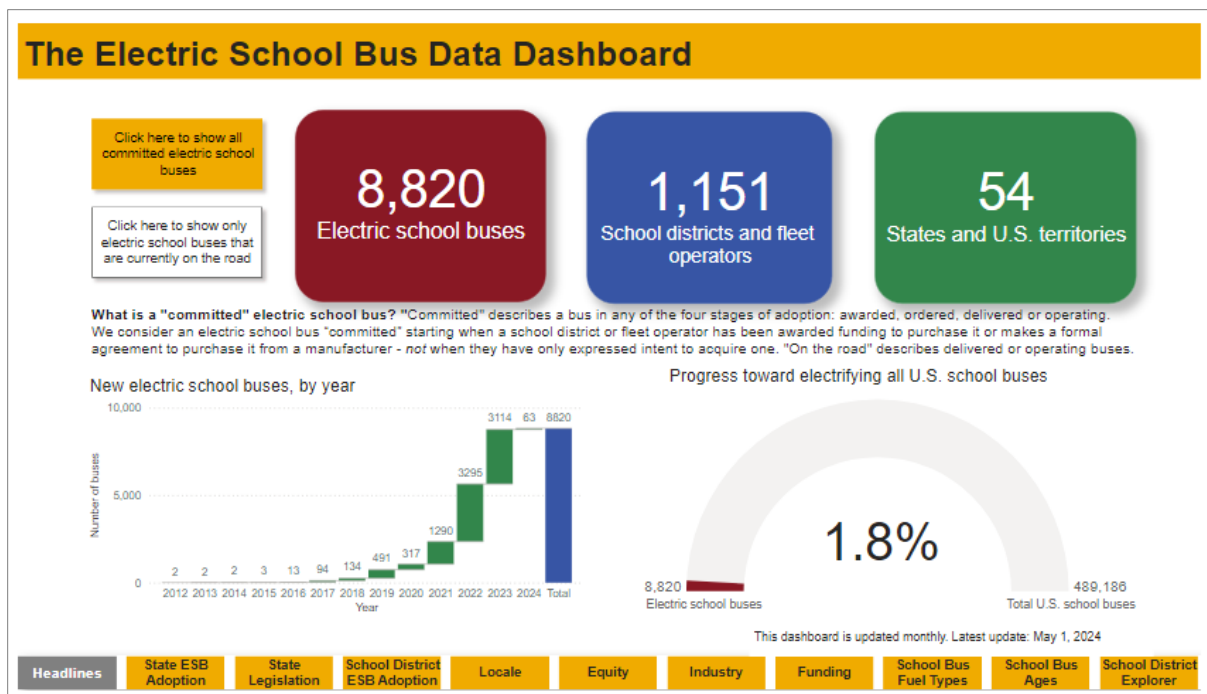
WRI's [Electric School Bus Initiative](#) presents a wealth of resources and tools that support ESB adoption, organized under the themes Tools, Engage, Evidence, and Resource Library:

- **Tools:** Includes deep-dive articles, videos, and publications about charging infrastructure, ESB models, and more. **Don't miss these:**
  - [Step-by-Step Guide to Electric School Bus Electrification](#)
  - [How to Apply for Clean School Bus Program Funding](#)
  - [All About Types of Electric School Buses](#)

- **Engage:** This resource-rich collection includes:
  - [Talk to an Expert](#) offers free one-on-one sessions with the WRI team.
  - [Events](#) include webinars, trainings, technical assistance, and other opportunities to learn more about the process of transitioning to ESBs.
  - The **Electric School Bus Series** where school districts that use ESBs share their experiences, such as this article about ESBs and [air quality improvements in Stockton](#).
- **Evidence:** Research about environmental and equity issues motivating adoption of ESBs, such as this article, [How School Districts Can Include Equity When Choosing Where to Deploy Electric School Buses First](#).
- **Resource Library:** Search for resources you need. Don't miss these:
  - [Total Cost of Ownership Calculator for Electric School Buses](#)
  - [ESB U.S. Buyer's Guide](#)
  - [Interactive ESB Data Dashboard](#) updated monthly to provide insights such as current ESB adoption (below).



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## Electrification Coalition

The [Electrification Coalition](#) supports widespread adoption of EVs by providing policy, advocacy, consumer education, and electrification planning. Their [Dashboard for Rapid Vehicle Electrification \(DRVE\) Tool](#) analyzes the total cost of ownership of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty EVs to help fleet managers make decisions about EV deployment.

## Beneficial Electrification League

BEL's [Electric School Bus Initiative](#) supports stakeholders on the road to electrification. Emphasizing [partnerships with utilities](#), BEL provides insights for communicating with electricity suppliers.

Start your journey through BEL's abundant resources here:

- [Electrifying America's School Buses](#)
- [Beneficial Electrification Toolkit](#)



## CalStart

[CALSTART](#) works with bus manufacturers, suppliers, transit operators, and school bus fleets to develop next-generation technologies and accelerate adoption of near-zero and zero-emission buses to make clean transit a reality. CALSTART's Bus Initiative concentrates on:

- [Technology development and demonstration](#)
- [Assessment and validation](#)
- [Market acceleration](#)
- [Public policy development](#)

You won't want to miss CALSTART [resources](#) such as:

- [Zeroing in on Electric School Buses: 2023](#)
- [The Electrification of School Buses: Assessing Technology, Market, and Manufacturing Readiness](#)

## Additional Resources

- [Alliance for Electric School Buses](#)  
Supports adoption of ESBs using funds from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust.
- [Electric School Bus Coalition](#)  
Advocates for increased funding and policies that support the transition to ESBs.
- [Electric School Bus Network](#)  
Strives to accelerate school bus fleet electrification nationwide by offering peer-to-peer networking and forum meetings so people can enhance their understanding of market trends, funding opportunities, and real-world experiences of fleets as they electrify.
- [Electric School Bus Newsletter](#)  
Offers valuable information and case studies supporting the electrification of buses, with a focus on equity.



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