

# Mid-Atlantic Electric School Bus Experience Project (MEEP)



The Mid-Atlantic Electric School Bus Experience Project (MEEP) awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy is working with school bus manufacturers, Clean Cities coalitions and other partners to **provide free electric school buses for 6-8 week demos in selected school fleets in Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey over the next two years.**

## Benefits of electric school buses

Electric school buses are an exciting tool for school districts to:

- **Reduce Operating Costs**
- **Achieve Sustainability Goals**
- **Improve Local Air Quality**
- **Protect the Health of Children**

They are now being offered by every major North American school bus manufacturer, and orders and deployments are increasing around the country.

## How electric school buses could work for you

These short-term demonstrations are a fantastic opportunity for your school administrators, mechanics, drivers, faculty and students to experience electric school buses firsthand on your existing routes, without any cost or long-term commitment. These experiences will help:

- **Showcase Benefits**
- **Familiarize Staff with Operations**
- **Build Local Support**
- **Provide Experience for Future Funding Opportunities**

## Program details

The MEEP Team is seeking schools, school districts and/or school transportation contractors interested in deploying one or more electric school buses into their regular transportation service for a 6-8 week demonstration in the multi-state project region.

The MEEP Team will support School Partners before, during and after the demonstration period, helping to facilitate the process and providing technical assistance, including staff training to support operations and data collection.

We are now accepting applications for the '20/'21 and '21/'22 school years on a rolling basis, and plan to select at least one school fleet per state/region. **Strong interest is expected and spots are limited so interested fleets should apply as soon as possible.**

**School Partners are also eligible to receive a free Level 2 charging station for charging the bus during the demonstration project, for them to keep after conclusion of each demonstration.**



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For more details, including the application, please reach out to your state/region's Clean Cities coordinator:

State/Region	Clean Cities Coalition	Coordinator	Contact Info
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<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition	Chuck Feinberg	<a href="mailto:cfeinberg@gbdtoday.com">cfeinberg@gbdtoday.com</a> ; (973) 886-1655

## Current Partners include:

- Virginia Clean Cities at James Madison University (lead)
- Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Transportation
- New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition
- National Association for Pupil Transportation
- Generation 180
- State Air Agencies
- Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition
- Maryland Clean Cities
- VEIC
- Al Pollard of the Energy Foundation
- Bus Manufacturers (Thomas Built/Proterra/Blue Bird)
- Regional Electric Utilities (Dominion/BGE/PEPCO/Exelon)



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