HVIP Public School Bus Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts
Disadvantaged Community Qualifying School Districts

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The purpose of this document is to explain in detail the process of determining Disadvantaged Community qualifications under the Public School Bus Set-Aside and assist pursuing applicants in determining if their school district meets this qualification.

**Summary of the Public School Bus Set-Aside**

Through the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Hybrid and Zero Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP), school bus fleet owners in rural and underserved communities are prioritized in the Public School Bus Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts (Public School Bus Set-Aside). Higher voucher amounts in the Public School Bus Set-Aside intend to cover nearly, if not all, the full cost of new zero-emission school bus for eligible applicants.

**Eligible applicants:**

Applicants in California that own their own school buses are eligible to participate in the Public School Bus Set-Aside. This includes public school districts that own their school buses but contract with a County Office of Education or private contractor for maintenance and operations. Where two or more public school districts have formed a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and the JPA holds ownership of the school buses, the JPA is eligible to participate. Public charter schools that own their own school buses and County Offices of Education that own their own school buses are also eligible to participate.

- California Public School Districts
- California Public Charter Schools, as listed at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/cs/](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/cs/)
- California Joint Power Authorities (JPAs)
- California County Offices of Education (COEs)
- Division of State Special Schools of the California Department of Education

All applicants must serve students at the K-12th grade level.

The physical address of the school district main office / headquarters must be located within the boundaries of a California Air District defined as Small or Medium, per the guidelines of the California Air Pollution Control Officers.
Association (CAPCOA) (see Table 1 below for the list of eligible air district locations). In cases where JPAs apply for funding, small or medium air district eligibility is determined by the physical address of the JPA headquarters. If the JPA does not have a physical address, eligibility is determined by the school district main office / headquarters of the school district where the school buses will be domiciled.

**Air District Size Locator:**
The physical address of the school district headquarters/main office must be within the boundaries of a small or medium-sized air district in California. A map of California air districts can be found at [https://www.arb.ca.gov/capcoa/dismap.htm](https://www.arb.ca.gov/capcoa/dismap.htm).

Table 1 lists the air districts by size, per CAPCOA definitions.

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**Eligible**

**Not Eligible**

Disadvantaged Communities in Eligible Air Districts:
Applicants within an eligible air district (small/medium-sized air district) will receive priority during the 90-calendar day window if any Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) fall within the school district boundaries. During this initial 90-day window, applicants that are located in both a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) and within a small-sized air district will be the first group of applicants to be prioritized, based on timestamp of Application Part A.
After the 90-day application submission window, the remaining available funds, if any, will be allocated to requests that have been received during the 90-day window according to the order described below:

1. Applicants located in small air districts but not located in DACs, then
2. If additional funds remain, requests from applicants located in medium-sized air districts and in DACs will be funded, then
3. If additional funds remain, requests from applicants located in medium-sized air districts that are not in DACs will be funded.

**Participation in the Public School Bus Set-Aside does not require the applicant to have a DAC within its boundaries. DAC qualifications only affect the prioritization of the submitted applications.**

DAC priority will be applied using California Climate Investments Priority Populations map, located online at [https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/](https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/). DAC designation will apply to applicants if overlap occurs between the California Climate Investments Priority Populations map (CalEnviroScreen 3.0 - Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: pink) or within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink-blue striped) or CalEnviroScreen 4.0 – Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: orange) or within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink)) and the boundaries of the school district. If any part of the school district overlaps with a DAC, then the entire school district is eligible for DAC prioritization in the Public School Bus Set-Aside. See the [Methodology](#) section for details of how the following lists were created.

**School Districts that meet the DAC Criteria**

The following lists exclude California Joint Power Authorities (JPAs), Division of State Special Schools and California County Offices of Education (COEs).

If you do not see your school district or organization listed and believe your service area overlaps with the boundaries of a Disadvantaged Community (defined in the above section) please contact [SchoolBusTeam@CALSTART.org](mailto:SchoolBusTeam@CALSTART.org).
School Districts in Small Air Districts

Antelope Valley Union High School District
Biggs Unified School District
Brawley Elementary School District
Brawley Union High School District
Calexico Unified School District
Calipatria Unified School District
Central Union High School District
Chico Unified School District
Durham Unified School District
Eastside Union Elementary School District
El Centro Elementary School District
Golden Feather Union Elementary School District
Heber Elementary School District
Holtville Unified School District
Imperial Unified School District
Keppel Union Elementary School District
Lancaster Elementary School District
Magnolia Union Elementary School District
Marysville Joint Unified School District
McCabe Union Elementary School District
Meadows Union Elementary School District
Mulberry Elementary School District
Oroville Union High School District
Palmdale Elementary School District
Seeley Union Elementary School District
Thermalito Union Elementary School District
Westmorland Union Elementary School District
Willows Unified School District
Wilsona Elementary School District
Yuba City Unified School District
School Districts in Medium Air Districts

Adelanto Elementary School District
Apple Valley Unified School District
Baker Valley Unified School District
Barstow Unified School District
Caliente Union Elementary School District
Dixon Unified School District
Goleta Union Elementary School District
Guadalupe Union Elementary School District
Helendale Elementary School District
Hesperia Unified School District
Hueneme Elementary School District
Kernville Union Elementary School District
Lucerne Valley Unified School District
Mojave Unified School District
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
Muroc Joint Unified School District
Needles Unified School District
North Monterey County Unified School District
Ocean View School District
Orcutt Union Elementary School District
Oro Grande Elementary School District
Oxnard Elementary School District
Oxnard Union High School District
Pajaro Valley Unified School District
Palo Verde Unified School District
Rio Elementary School District
River Delta Joint Unified School District
Salinas City Elementary School District
Salinas Union High School District
Santa Barbara Unified School District
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
San Ysidro Elementary School District
Sierra Sands Unified School District
Silver Valley Unified School District
Southern Kern Unified School District
Spreckels Union Elementary School District
Trona Joint Unified School District
Ventura Unified School District
Victor Elementary School District
Victor Valley Union High School District
Washington Unified School District
Woodland Joint Unified School District

* This list represents the Ocean View School District in the Ventura County APCD
Methodology

The lists of school districts shown above meet the Disadvantaged Community priority criteria of the Public School Bus Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts (Public School Bus Set-Aside). The lists were created by CALSTART to help identify school districts that meet DAC priority criteria of the Public School Bus Set-Aside.

DAC priority is applied using California Climate Investments Priority Populations map, located online at https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/. Overlap between the California Climate Investments Priority Populations map (CalEnviroScreen 3.0 - Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: pink) or within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink-blue striped) or CalEnviroScreen 4.0 – Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: orange) or within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink)), and the boundaries of the school district determines DAC designation for the purposes of the Public School Bus Set-Aside. The California Climate investments used CalEnviroScreen 3.0 and CalEnviroScreen 4.0 to determine priority populations.

The school districts listed in this document result from mapping through ArcMap. The datasets comprised data from the DAC CalEnviroScreen 3.0, DAC CalEnviroScreen 4.0, California School Districts, and California Air Districts. Shapefiles containing DAC layer CalEnviroScreen 3.0, DAC layer CalEnviroScreen 4.0, and California school districts imported into ArcMap (Version 10.8) showed the overlapping layers between the DAC and school district layers. CALSTART joined the school districts’ layers to their respective air district layer to further identify if the school district fell in a small, medium, or large air district.

Methodology will be updated when future versions of CalEnviroScreen are published.

If you have any questions about the information contained within this document please contact SchoolBusTeam@CALSTART.org.