



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/>
- 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>.

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

Table 1: Air Districts by Size

Small Air District	Amador County APCD	Great Basin Unified APCD	North Coast Unified AQMD
	Antelope Valley AQMD	Imperial County APCD	Northern Sierra AQMD
	Butte County AQMD	Lake County AQMD	Northern Sonoma APCD
	Calaveras County APCD	Lassen County APCD	Shasta County AQMD
	Colusa County APCD	Mariposa County APCD	Siskiyou County AQMD
	El Dorado County AQMD	Mendocino County AQMD	Tehama County APCD
	Feather River AQMD	Modoc County APCD	Tuolumne County APCD
	Glenn County APCD		
Medium Air District	Eastern Kern APCD	San Luis Obispo County APCD	
	Mojave Desert AQMD	Santa Barbara County APCD	
	Monterey Bay Unified APCD	Ventura County APCD	
	Placer County APCD	Yolo-Solano AQMD	
Large Air District	Bay Area AQMD		
	Sacramento Metro AQMD		
	San Diego County APCD		
	San Joaquin Unified APCD		
	South Coast AQMD		

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 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/>. DAC designation will apply to applicants if overlap occurs between the California Climate Investments Priority Populations map (Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: pink) or within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink-blue striped)) 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 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.

School Districts in Small Air Districts

Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District

Antelope Valley Union High School District

Biggs Unified School District

Brawley Elementary School District

Brawley Union High School district

Butte County Office of Education

Calexico Unified School District

Calipatria Unified School District

Camptonville Elementary 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 County Office of Education

Imperial Unified School District

Lancaster Elementary School District

Magnolia Union Elementary School District

Marysville Joint Unified School District

Meadows Union Elementary School District

Mulberry Elementary School District

Oroville Union High School District

Pacific Union Elementary School District

Pioneer Union Elementary School District*

Seeley Union Elementary School District

Thermalito Union Elementary School District

Westmorland Union Elementary School District

Yuba City Unified School District

Yuba County Office of Education

* This list represents the Pioneer Union Elementary School District in the Butte County AQMD

School Districts in Medium Air Districts

Adelanto Elementary School District

Baker Valley Unified School District

Barstow Unified School District

Greenfield Union School District

Helendale Elementary School District

Hesperia Unified School District

Hope Elementary School District

Kern High School District

Kernville Union Elementary School District

Lucerne Valley Unified School District

Monterey County Office of Education

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

Muroc Joint Unified School District

Needles Unified School District

North Monterey County Unified School District

Ocean View School District

Oxnard School District

Oxnard Union High School District

Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Palo Verde Unified School District

Rio Elementary School District

Riverside County Office of Education

Rowland Unified School District

Salinas Union High School District

San Bernardino County Office of Education

San Juan Unified School District

Silver Valley Unified 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 Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts (Public School Set-Aside). The lists were created by CALSTART to help identify school districts that meet DAC priority criteria of the Public School 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 (Disadvantaged Community (map legend color: pink), or, within the boundaries of a Disadvantaged and Low-income Community (map legend color: pink-blue striped)), and the boundaries of the school district determines DAC designation for the purposes of the School Bus Set-Aside. The California Climate investments used CalEnviroScreen 3.0 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, California School Districts, and California Air Districts. Shapefiles containing DAC layer CalEnviroScreen 3.0, 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.

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