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](https://www.arb.ca.gov/capcoa/dismap.htm). Table 1 lists the air districts by size, per CAPCOA definitions.

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| 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          Oxnard School District
Baker Valley Unified School District         Oxnard Union High School District
Barstow Unified School District             Pajaro Valley Unified School District
Greenfield Union School District            Palo Verde Unified School District
Helendale Elementary School District        Rio Elementary School District
Hesperia Unified School District            Riverside County Office of Education
Hope Elementary School District            Rowland Unified School District
Kern High School District                   Salinas Union High School District
Kernville Union Elementary School District  San Bernardino County Office of Education
Lucerne Valley Unified School District      San Juan Unified School District
Monterey County Office of Education          Silver Valley Unified School District
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District   Trona Joint Unified School District
Muroc Joint Unified School District          Ventura Unified School District
Needles Unified School District             Victor Elementary School District
North Monterey County Unified School District Victor Valley Union High School District
Ocean View 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!