



The School Alternative Fuel program was created in law through House Bill 49 and became effective on September 28, 2017, allowing school districts to include alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure into the School Performance Contracting Program.

CHECK THE OFCC WEBSITE FOR PROGRAM UPDATES

<http://ofcc.ohio.gov/ServicesPrograms/EnergyServices/AlternativeFuelProgram.aspx>

PROGRAM TIMELINE

*March 2018 - Program launch
Districts notified by mail
March 14, 2018 - Webinar
No program ending date*

CHOOSING CLEANER, ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Ohio's school districts can finance alternative fuel improvements to their transportation fleet or facilities and use the cost savings to pay for those improvements out of energy and operational savings. Alternative fuels such as propane, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, clean diesel technologies, plug-in hybrid and electric, and biofuels provide health, sustainability, and environmental benefits over conventional fuels.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An eligible applicant is a board of education of a city, exempted village, local or joint vocational district. School districts in academic distress, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency may also apply under certain conditions.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

- Vehicle conversions
- Incremental cost of alternative fuel versions of new vehicles

- Fueling infrastructure
- Project financing
- Annual reporting

CONTRACTING PROJECT CYCLE
Project Determination and Vendor Selection

A person or firm experienced in student transportation is selected by the school district's Board to analyze associated fuel and operational savings and the environmental impact of the proposed project.

The resultant report will include estimates of all costs including vehicle costs, conversion costs, facility modifications, return on investment, environmental impact, and the likelihood that the project will pay for itself out of savings within five (5) years.

Project Review and Approval

The school district Board passes a resolution to approve the project, submits its application to OFCC and requests to incur indebtedness for the project. The application summarizes

the project's scope, cash flow projections, calculations, assumptions and environmental impact. OFCC reviews and approves the project.

Conversion/Construction and Annual Reporting

The school district administers the project with the selected contractor(s). The district monitors the operations and reports annually to OFCC. The school district treasurer must certify the savings incurred and report as long as debt is outstanding.



ABOUT OFCC

OFCC is responsible for guiding capital projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, including Ohio's comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program. The Commission also manages grant programs for cultural facilities, school security, community school classroom facilities, and lead plumbing fixture replacement in schools.