

## 2017 Clean Diesel Rebate Program New School Bus Eligibility Checklist

Use the checklist below to ensure your new bus meets the requirements of the 2017 Clean Diesel School Bus Rebate program. Please submit specifications for a prospective new bus to NDEQ for review before initiating purchase. ***If your new bus does not meet the guidelines of the program, you will not be eligible for reimbursement.***

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- New school buses must have EPA- or CARB-certified 2017 or newer model year engines. This can be verified through the engine family name of the new engine. The salesperson can provide you with this information.
- New diesel engines must be equipped with a diesel particulate filter (DPF). The replacement school bus may operate using conventional diesel (ULSD), alternative fuels (e.g. natural gas, propane, etc.), or battery or hybrid drivetrains.
- If the horsepower of the new bus you plan to purchase exceeds the horsepower of the old bus by more than **25%**, you must inform NDEQ and receive approval from EPA Region 7 **before purchasing** the new bus.
- All replacement school buses must be in the same Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) class and operate in the same manner as the original school bus.

Refer to the Instructions and Recipient materials for the 2017 Clean Diesel School Bus Rebate program for additional information. You can access these materials online at <http://deq.ne.gov/Publica.nsf/pages/12-003>.

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