

**Borger Independent School District**  
**Borger ISD Clean School Bus Replacement Program**  
**SEP No. 2011-015**

**Project Description:**

The Texas Education Agency reports that more than 33 percent of the school buses in local fleets are more than ten years old. These older school buses emit harmful air pollution which directly impacts the health of school children traveling on these buses. This SEP is designed to reduce nitrogen oxides ("NO"), volatile organic compounds ("VOCs"), carbon monoxide ("CO"), and particulate matter ("PM") emissions by replacing older diesel and gasoline buses with newer buses that meet more stringent emission standards.

Borger Independent School District ("ISD") shall use SEP Funds for up to 100% of the purchase price of a model year 2010 or newer bus ("Replacement Bus") to replace a diesel or gasoline school bus that is model year 2002 or older' ("Older Bus").

Borger ISD shall first replace their oldest, most polluting buses that are currently in use. An Older Bus that is not currently in use on a weekly basis is not eligible. Since unnecessary school bus idling wastes fuel and pollutes the air, Borger ISD shall also develop a written policy to reduce school bus idling.

The Older Bus being replaced must be in regular use, driven on a route to and from school, and owned by Borger ISD for the past two years. The Older Bus must not already be scheduled and budgeted for replacement. All Older Buses shall be fully decommissioned as specifically required in the SEP Vehicle Disposition Form. This form shall be included in the Borger Independent School District's Quarterly Reports for each Older Bus replaced. All funds received for the scrap value of the Older Bus shall be deposited into the SEP Account, and will become part of the SEP Funds.

SEP Funds shall only be used for the purchase of Replacement Buses. Borger ISD shall ensure that each Replacement Bus purchased has an engine that meets 2010 EPA Standards. Each Replacement Bus may be equipped with air conditioning, a camera system, GPS, and a 2-way radio. Additional equipment not included in the items previously listed on the Replacement Bus shall not be paid for with SEP Funds.

Borger ISD certifies that it intends to own and operate the Replacement Bus for the next five years. Borger ISD shall provide this certification in Borger Independent School District's Final Report.

Borger ISD is not required to report emissions reductions to the SEP Program. Borger ISD shall report the total number and type of Replacement Buses purchased in its SEP Final Report.

SEP Funds may be used for a percentage of the purchase price of the Replacement Bus as long as the purchase is completed and all other requirements of this SEP are met. For instance, if non-SEP matching funds are used to complete the purchase of a Replacement Bus, the entire Replacement Bus must be reported to the SEP Program showing the amount of SEP Funds used for that purchase, the full amount of any scrap value received for the Older Bus, and the full decommissioning of the Older Bus.

Borger ISD's project area is the Borger Independent School District.

**Environmental Benefit:**

This SEP will directly benefit air quality by reducing harmful exhaust emissions which contribute to the formation of ozone and may cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma. In addition, by encouraging less school bus idling, this SEP contributes to public awareness of environmental matters.

**Eligible Areas and Counties:**

This project may receive contributions from the following:

Air Control Region 211 including Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lynn, Lubbock, Moore, Motley, Ochitree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties.

**Minimum Contribution Amount**

\$500

**Total Project Budget**

\$327,000