

Public Act 26-63: What's Changing for CT School Bus Electrification

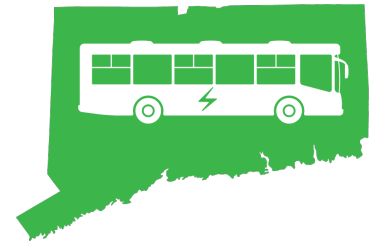
Public Act 26-63 makes several important changes to Connecticut statutory requirements focused on zero-emission school buses. The chart below summarizes zero-emission school bus planning and deployment requirements as of June 4, 2026.



P.A. 26-63: Zero-emission School Bus Planning & Deployment Requirements	
Planning Requirements	
By July 1, 2029:	Directs Distressed Municipality ¹ school districts to have developed a fleet electrification plan.
By July 1, 2035:	Directs all remaining school districts to have developed a fleet electrification plan.
Deployment Requirements	
By July 1, 2035:	50% zero-emission ² fleet deployment in Distressed Municipality school districts.
By July 1, 2040:	90% zero-emission fleet deployment in all school districts.

Planning Resources

The Connecticut Green Bank's Accelerator Program offers free technical assistance planning to help school districts meet the fleet electrification planning requirement. The Green Bank was selected by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to implement this planning program. School districts can also partner with their existing school bus operator or pursue independent support to develop a fleet electrification plan. Learn more here: ctgreenbank.com/fleet-electrification-accelerator



Grant Funding

P.A. 26-63 includes changes that make it easier for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to deploy state grant funds for school bus electrification projects. Up to \$40 million in State Bond Commission resources have been authorized for this program. The EPA Clean School Bus Program is also planning a funding round for Fall 2026.

Green Bank Financing

The Connecticut Green Bank can provide flexible, low-cost financing for electric school bus projects. Green Bank financing can be combined with federal and state grant funds or used independently. Learn more about the Green Bank's electric school bus investment offerings here: ctgreenbank.com/electric-school-bus-financing.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about P.A. 26-63, electric school buses, or pursuing grant funding or Green Bank financing, please contact the Connecticut Green Bank at schoolbus@ctgreenbank.com.

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² Zero-emission buses includes electric and hydrogen technologies, but electric is the only functionally available option at this time. (Alternative fuels school buses (propane, compressed natural gas, etc.) do not count toward this requirement.)