# PGE Electric School Bus Fund

# **Benefits of Electric School Buses**

As you consider electric school buses for your fleet, there's a few things you should know. Electric school buses offer benefits like:

# **Cleaner air**

- Electric school buses have zero tailpipe emissions
- When accounting for the emissions from electricity generation, electric school buses reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than half compared to a diesel school bus

#### Safety and comfort

- Electric school buses are quiet, reducing noise pollution in neighborhoods
- Drivers are better able to communicate with students

#### Lower cost

- Electricity is less expensive than diesel fuel and prices are more stable
- Fewer moving parts means reduced maintenance costs and no oil changes

#### **Estimated Operating Cost Savings**

	Diesel School Bus		Electric School Bus		Savings	
Number of Buses	1		1		-	
Annual Miles Traveled <sup>1</sup>	10,800	mi/yr	10,800	mi/yr	-	
Fuel Efficiency <sup>2</sup>	6.8	mpg	0.6	mi/kWh	-	
Fuel Price <sup>3</sup>	\$2.59	/gal	\$0.13	/kWh	-	
Total Fuel Cost	\$4,114	/yr	\$2,387	/yr	\$1,727	/yr
<b>Total Maintenance Cost<sup>4</sup></b>	\$6,500	/yr	\$3,250	/yr	\$3,250	/yr
Lifetime Operating Cost <sup>5</sup>	\$212,271		\$112,736		\$99,535	

<sup>4</sup> Actual diesel maintenance cost from a local school district. Electric maintenance cost estimated at 50% lower based on manufacturer recommendations.

<sup>5</sup> Estimated based on expected vehicle life of 20 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Actual mileage data from a local school district

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Actual diesel mpg data from a local school district. Electric fuel efficiency estimated based on manufacturer's specifications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Actual diesel fuel price from a local school district. Electric fuel price based on PGE's rate schedule 32.

### **Estimated Emissions Reduction**

	Diesel School Bus		Electric School Bus		Savings	
Energy Consumed	1,588	gal/yr	18,360	kWh/yr		
Emissions Factor <sup>6</sup>	22.4	lbs CO <sub>2</sub> /gal	0.5	lbs CO <sub>2</sub> /kWh		
Annual Emissions	35,576	lbs CO <sub>2</sub> /yr	9,253	lbs CO <sub>2</sub> /yr	26,323 lbs CO <sub>2</sub> /yr	
Lifetime Emissions <sup>7</sup>	711,529	lbs CO <sub>2</sub>	185,069	lbs CO <sub>2</sub>	526,461 lbs CO <sub>2</sub>	

# **Upfront Costs**

Electric school buses cost approximately three times as much as a diesel school bus due in part to the newness of the technology and the fact that manufacturers aren't yet producing them on a large scale. With battery prices coming down and electric school bus demand increasing, it is expected the upfront costs for vehicles will decline significantly in the coming years.



Infrastructure supporting electric vehicle readiness

# Charging

Electric school buses will need a place to recharge at their depot but the cost to install charging infrastructure can vary by location. PGE's <u>Fleet Partner</u> program works with you to determine the appropriate solution. For a full list of eligible chargers, please visit our <u>Qualified Chargers</u> website.

For more information, contact us at <u>electricschoolbus@pgn.com</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Diesel emissions factor: <u>https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/co2\_vol\_mass.php</u>. Electric emissions factor based on forecasted average emissions factor for PGE energy mix between 2020 and 2030 <sup>7</sup> Estimated based on expected vehicle life of 20 years.

