

EPA Region 10 Children's Health & Healthy Schools Updates

School Environmental Health
and Safety – Autumn
Workshop

November 7, 2023



What Schools Related Resources Does the Environmental Protection Agency Have?

3 Main Categories

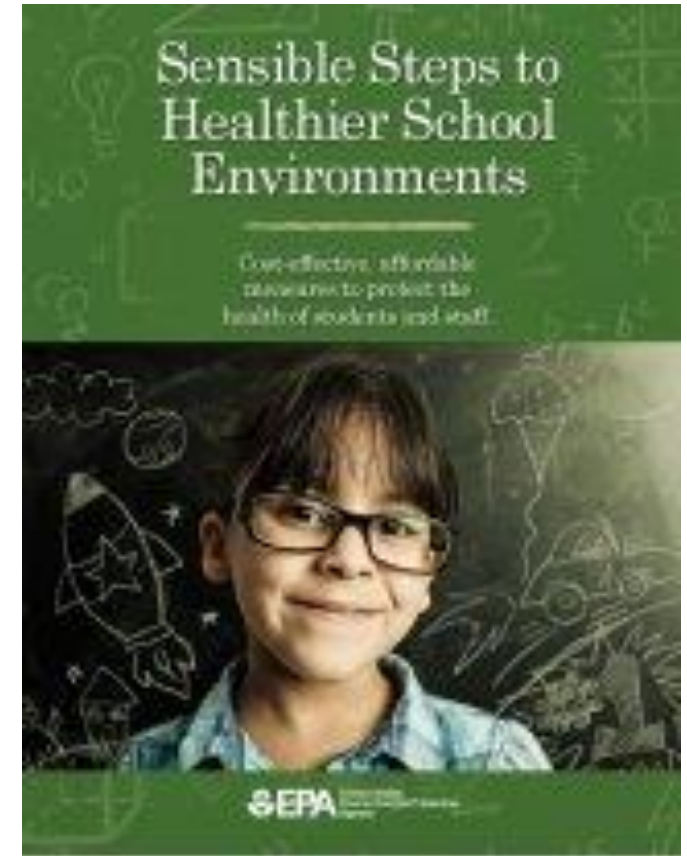
- **Information/web-based resources**
- **Funding opportunities**
- **Publications/outreach materials**



<https://www.epa.gov/children>

Information!

- [Assess and Improve Your School Environment](#) – landing page for these resources:
 - [Sensible Steps to Healthier School Environments](#) guide and checklist
 - **School Environmental Health Guidelines** – [Model Program appendix](#)
 - **School Siting Guidelines.**
- [Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit](#) –
 - Teachers
 - School Nurses
 - Walk through inspections
 - Ventilation



Information!

- [Schools as Cleaner Air and Cooling Centers](#): – Fact sheets for facility managers, principals and teachers
- [Climate Change and Children's Health and Well-Being](#) report and summaries:
 - Extreme heat
 - Poor air quality (wildfires)
 - Flooding events.



Including - Delivering Information!

- [Community Lead Awareness Sessions](#)
 - Based on our Tribal Lead Curriculum
 - EPA Staff available to conduct sessions in communities
 - **Understanding Lead** – overview (~ 1 hour)
 - **Train-the-Trainer** – 3-hour session

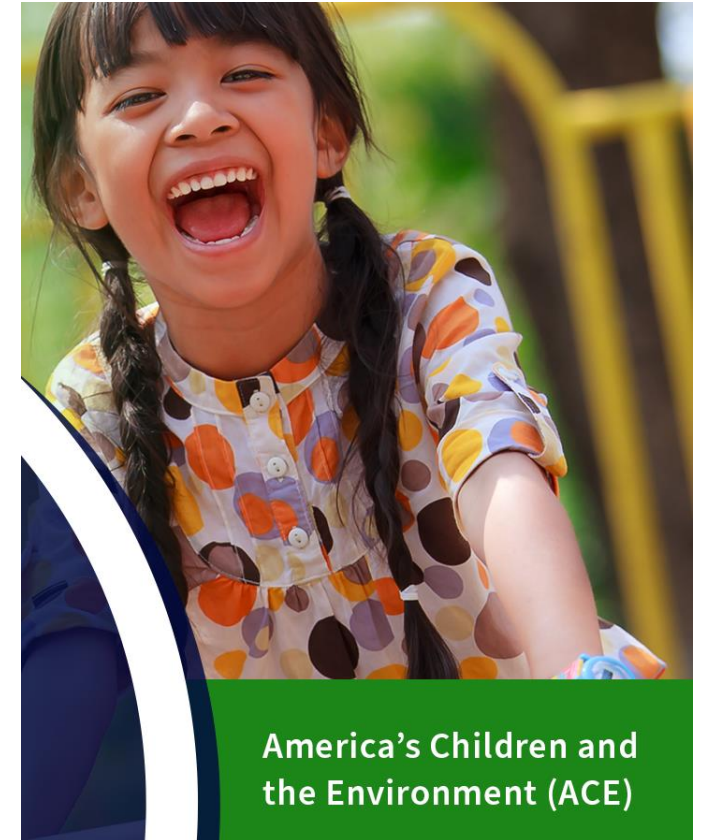
If lead exposure is a concern in your school or community – please contact us!

**Attend a session.
Protect your community
from lead exposure.**



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- [Children's Health Grants and Funding Opportunities](#) – new site for tracking available grants and other EPA funding opportunities related to children's health.



Region Publications & Outreach Materials

Healthy Schools NEWS

Kids grow
and learn better
in pollution-free
schools



EPA Region 10 Healthy Schools News

Serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Tribal Nations

October 2023

October is Children's Health Month!

Protect children where they **learn!**

Healthy schools boost success!

Properly maintained and cared-for schools can **enhance students' focus, performance, and overall mental and physical health.**

Get educated on how schools can ensure a safe and healthy learning environment!



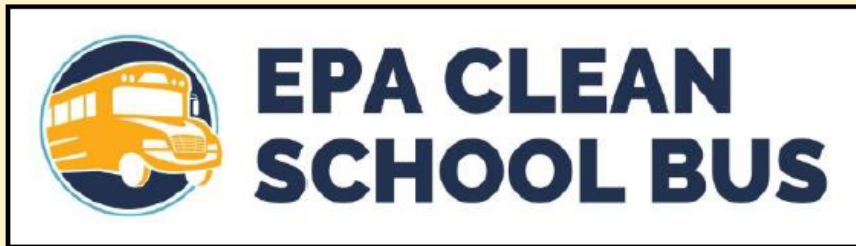
October is [Children's Health Month](#) and EPA Region 10 is proud to join our national efforts to spread awareness about the importance of protecting children, especially those who are most vulnerable where they live, learn and play. **Children are not little adults!** They eat, breathe and drink more relative to their body mass, and their biological systems are not yet fully developed. Therefore, children are often at greater risk compared to adults from environmental threats such as pollution and climate change.

Region Publications & Outreach Materials

We have also included a list of **children's educational materials** at the end of this newsletter that our regional team has on hand to support your school's activities and programs. Contact us at R10_HealthySchools@epa.gov if you'd like copies for your school or district.



Clean School Bus Rebate Program Open for Applications!

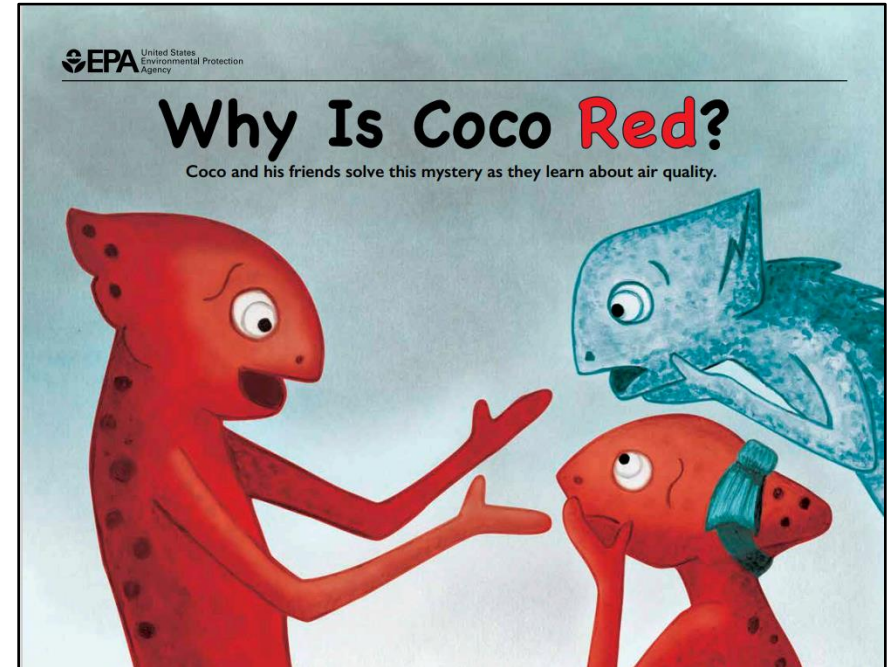


The 2023 [Clean School Bus Rebate Program](#) is now open! EPA anticipates awarding at least \$500 million in rebate funding. Eligible applicants (including public school districts) may apply to receive funding for the purchase of up to 25 zero-emission and/or clean school buses, along with zero-emission charging infrastructure and

eligible workforce development costs. **Applications are due by January 31, 2024.** For more information contact cleanschoolbus@epa.gov.

Region Publications & Outreach Materials

Region 10 – Children’s Health & Healthy Schools Outreach Materials



[Why Is Coco Red? | AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov)

Thank You!

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