

## WHAT IS E-RATE ?

The Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as E-rate, provides discounts to eligible schools and libraries in the United States on their telecommunications, Internet access, and related services. The program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).



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### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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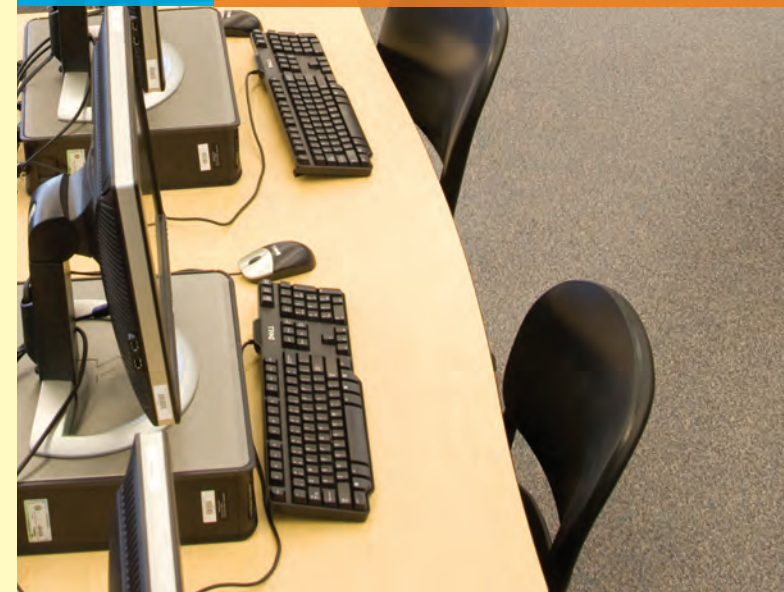
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## HOW DOES E-RATE WORK?

Schools and libraries can apply each year for discounts on the cost of telecommunications and other services. If you are funded, you can either receive discounted bills from your service providers or pay for the services in full and request reimbursement. The program is capped at \$2.25 billion per program year, indexed to inflation each year.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR E-RATE?

### SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- All public schools, K-12
- All nonprofit K-12 private and parochial schools with endowments not exceeding \$50 million

A school must meet the definition of an elementary or secondary school under state law.

### LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY CONSORTIA

- All public libraries
- Many private, not-for-profit libraries accessible to the public
- A library must:
  - have a budget completely separate from any school, and
  - be eligible for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) assistance in its state.



Discounts range from **20%-90%**

## WHAT SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

- Telecommunications services such as local and long distance services, 800 services, and cellular service
- Basic conduit Internet access, including Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and other data services
- Internal connections, including network equipment and the wiring needed to bring information directly to classrooms and library patrons
- Basic maintenance of internal connections
- E-rate funds do not cover such things as desktop computers, learning software, or teacher/librarian training

## HOW LARGE ARE THE DISCOUNTS?

Discounts range from 20 to 90 percent, depending on the level of poverty as measured by the percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program or an equivalent measure of poverty, and the rural or urban location of the school or library. The higher the poverty level, the higher the discounts.

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