Reporting Data for E-rate Funding

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Resources Added to OSBE

K-12 Education

Broadband and E-rate Services

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Purpose of Presentation

• Guidance for E-rate Funding Year 2024
  • When to report student data for E-rate funding.
  • Which student data to report.
  • Note: this guidance valid only for this year
E-rate Eligible Costs

**Category 1**
- Monthly Service
- Non-Recurring Costs
- Special Construction

**Category 2**
- Networking Hardware
- Managed Services
- Cabling Installation
Presently — E-rate Funding Year 2023

July 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2023 — June 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2024
School Year 23-24

We are currently using the hardware/services we requested funding for in Spring 2023.
We are also determining what hardware/services we need for Next Year and will request funding for by Spring 2024.

How much will E-rate fund for School Year 24-25?

Next Year — E-rate Funding Year 2024

July 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2024 — June 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2025
School Year 24-25
What Is My SY24-25 Discount?

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When To Report E-rate Data

**Nov – Dec: Administrative Window**

- Limited time window to update E-rate profile.

- Update enrollment data
  - If NSLP or surveys, update each year
  - If CEP or Provision II, only update if you have started a new base year.

- Add/remove buildings to profile (if needed)

- Dates will be announced through official newsletter and my Substack newsletter.
Which Data Determines My Discount?

If your eligible data is NSLP or a type of survey:
1. Confirm total “EconDis” and “K-12Students” reported in most recent March submission.
2. Divide total “EconDis” by “K-12Students”, then refer to the discount matrix.

If your eligible data is CEP or Provision II
1. Confirm total number of “DirectCert” as reported in the base year. Multiply by 1.6.
2. Divide this number by total “K-12Students, then refer to the discount matrix.

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• **(NOW) July – Jan:** Bidding Window
  - Post requests for new bids (Form 470)
  - Award contracts ideally by Thanksgiving, January at latest (deadline Feb).

• **Nov – Dec:** Administrative Window
  - Limited time
  - Update enrollment data
    - If NSLP, use current as of last March
    - If CEP, only update if this is your new base year
  - Add/remove buildings to profile if needed

• **Jan – Mar:** Application Window
  - Submit Form 471/Funding Requests
  - Validate enrollment data
Near-End of Budget Cycle

• **Category 2**
  
  • A fixed budget to last from 2021 – 2025
  
  • This bidding window is year 4 of 5.
    
    • After 2025, budget will be updated with new rules and likely new eligible products.
  
  • Great opportunity to utilize E-rate funding the next two years.
  
  • For questions about your budget, contact us
Questions, How To Contact

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  • Jonathan Steele: jsteele@sde.idaho.gov

• Make an appointment with us:
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• E-rate Customer Support:
  • 888-203-8100
  • You will need your BEN# (Billed Entity Number)

• Newsletters
  • USAC Official Newsletter: https://www.usac.org/e-rate/learn/news-brief/
  • Our program newsletter: https://broadbandforidschools.substack.com/