

E-Rate and Broadband Task Table

July 7, 2025



School Year	24-25	25-26	26-27
E-Rate / Idaho	Funding 2024 / Fiscal 2025	Funding 2025 / Fiscal 2026	Funding 2026 / Fiscal 2027
Services used in...	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
E-Rate	Step 5: Claim E-Rate Reimbursements (Invoice USAC)	Step 4: Receive Funding Commitment, and Form 486	Step 1: Planning
	Deadline approaching. <u>We strongly encourage schools to complete this before the start of SY25-26.</u>	<u>If both are true</u> , then file Form 486:	A. Determine if hardware or new service contracts are needed for SY26-27. Solicit bids by posting a Form 470 between now and next Form 471 window (January 2026).
	If your invoice includes E-Rate discounts, then no further action is needed (vendor invoices USAC via Form 474 SPI).	1. Receive Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) for your Funding Request (Funding Year 2025). 2. Receive and installed the services and/or hardware of that funding request.	B. What is your discount for SY26-27? Refer to enrollment data submitted to ISEE March 2025 or Nov 2025. These are the primary datasets used to calculate the discount percentage for SY2026-27 (does not apply to CEP schools).
	Otherwise, if school is invoiced at 100% of cost, then school must invoice USAC for reimbursement through usac.org (Login to usac.org, select EPC, then select “EPC E-Rate Invoicing” on the top-right).	Deadline is 120 days after FCDL, or 120 after service is installed (whichever is later). <u>Missed 486 deadlines will reduce funding commitments from USAC/Idaho.</u>	C. Category 2 Budget FY2026-30 is \$201.57 per enrolled student , or a minimum funding floor of \$30,175 Category 2 Budget FY26-30 is calculated (or “locked in”) based on first year you apply within 5-year cycle, not necessarily enrollment from FY2026.
Mid-Year Idaho Reimbursement	<i>Completed</i> <i>(Checks mailed by end of January 2025)</i>	We encourage LEAs to upload invoices monthly ahead of December Mid-Year reimbursements.	<i>Not yet applicable:</i> <i>Must first submit Form 471 (2026) and receive FCDL.</i>
Year-End Idaho Reimbursement	<i>Completed</i> <i>(Checks mailed by end of June 2025)</i>	N/A	N/A

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Steps for Annual E-Rate Cycle:	Applicable School/E-Rate Year:
1. Planning	1. SY 26-27 / Funding Year 2026
2. Form 470 (if applicable)	2. SY 26-27 / Funding Year 2026
3. Form 471 Funding Application	3. Not available until January
4. Receive Funding Commitment and Form 486	4. SY 25-26 / Funding Year 2025
5. Invoicing USAC (applicant or vendor)	5. SY 24-25 / Funding Year 2024
6. Documentation Retention (10 years)	6. All

FCC Form	470	471	486	472	500 or Service Substitution
Purpose	Solicit bids	Apply For Funding	Service is live/CIPA	E-Rate Invoicing	Report change to funded application
Step	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	As needed
When To File	Between Contracts	Every Year			As needed
Timeframe	July – January before contract expires	January – March before upcoming school year.	Once service and/or hardware is officially delivered and in use.	You invoice E-Rate for reimbursement. Not applicable if service provider discounts line item.	500: Changes involving dates on application, deadlines, cancellations. Service Substitution: Change bandwidth or vendor/hardware.

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