E-Rate and Broadband Program Reimbursement Table
November 2, 2026

School Year *Services billed within* E-Rate Year / Fiscal Year	**2026-27** *July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027* Funding Year 2026 / Fiscal 2027	**2027-28** *July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028* Funding Year 2027 / Fiscal 2028
E-Rate Tasks Universal Service Administrative Co. Federal Communications Commission	**Step 5:** **Claim E-Rate Reimbursements** **If school is invoiced at 100% of cost**, then invoice USAC for reimbursement through usac.org BEAR forms can be filed each month throughout the year. Login to usac.org, select EPC, then select "EPC E-Rate Invoicing" on the top-right to file a Form 472 BEAR. **If your invoice includes E-Rate discounts**, then no further action is needed (vendor invoices USAC via Form 474 SPI).	**Steps 1 and 2:** **Planning, if applicable Form 470** Consider what is needed for SY27-28 such as: Internet service for new schools, new networking hardware, etc. Schools that need new service contracts or hardware purchases for School Year 27-28 can post a Form 470 any time between now and February 2027. **Administrative Window:** EPC profiles are currently unlocked, and will lock again in January. Use this opportunity to make profile changes, add future buildings. The most important task here is to update enrollment/NSLP/CEP data after the November ISEE submission.
Broadband Reimbursement Program Tasks Idaho State Board of Education	**Mid-Year reimbursements (July 1 – Dec 30)** For state reimbursements, upload all eligible invoices received since July 1 no later than December 11th. If you need a new invoice upload link, please contact dvogt@edu.idaho.gov.	Schools interested in state-matching funds for special construction must consult with dvogt@edu.idaho.gov by November 13st. Learn more about the Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant (B.I.I.G.) and the application process on our website.

For more information, visit https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/broadband-and-e-rate-services/

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FCC Form	470	Admin Window	471	486	472	500, or Service Substitution
Step	Step 2	Step 1	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	As needed
When	For new contracts		Every Year			As needed
Purpose	Solicit bids/quotes for service/hardware	Maintain current information	Apply For Funding	Enables Invoicing	E-Rate Invoicing	Report a change to a funded application
Timeline	July – January	November – December	January – March	After application is "Funded," and within 120 days of service/hardware is in use.	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.

School Year 25-26 (Funding Year 2025)

~~Step 1: Plan~~
~~Step 2: Form 470 (if applicable)~~
~~Step 3: Form 471 Funding Application~~
~~Step 4: Receive Funding Commitment, Form 486~~
~~Step 5: Invoice USAC (applicant or vendor)~~
Step 6: Documentation Retention

School Year 26-27 (Funding 2026)

~~Step 1: Plan~~
~~Step 2: Form 470 (if applicable)~~
~~Step 3: Form 471 Funding Application~~
Step 4: Receive Funding Commitment, Form 486
Step 5: Invoice USAC (applicant or vendor)
Step 6: Documentation Retention

School Year 27-28 (Funding 2027)

Step 1: Plan
Step 2: Form 470 (if applicable)
Step 3: Form 471 Funding Application
Step 4: Receive Funding Commitment, Form 486
Step 5: Invoice USAC (applicant or vendor)
~~Step 6: Documentation Retention~~

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