

# E-Rate Admin Window, Eligible Services, Category 2 Budgets

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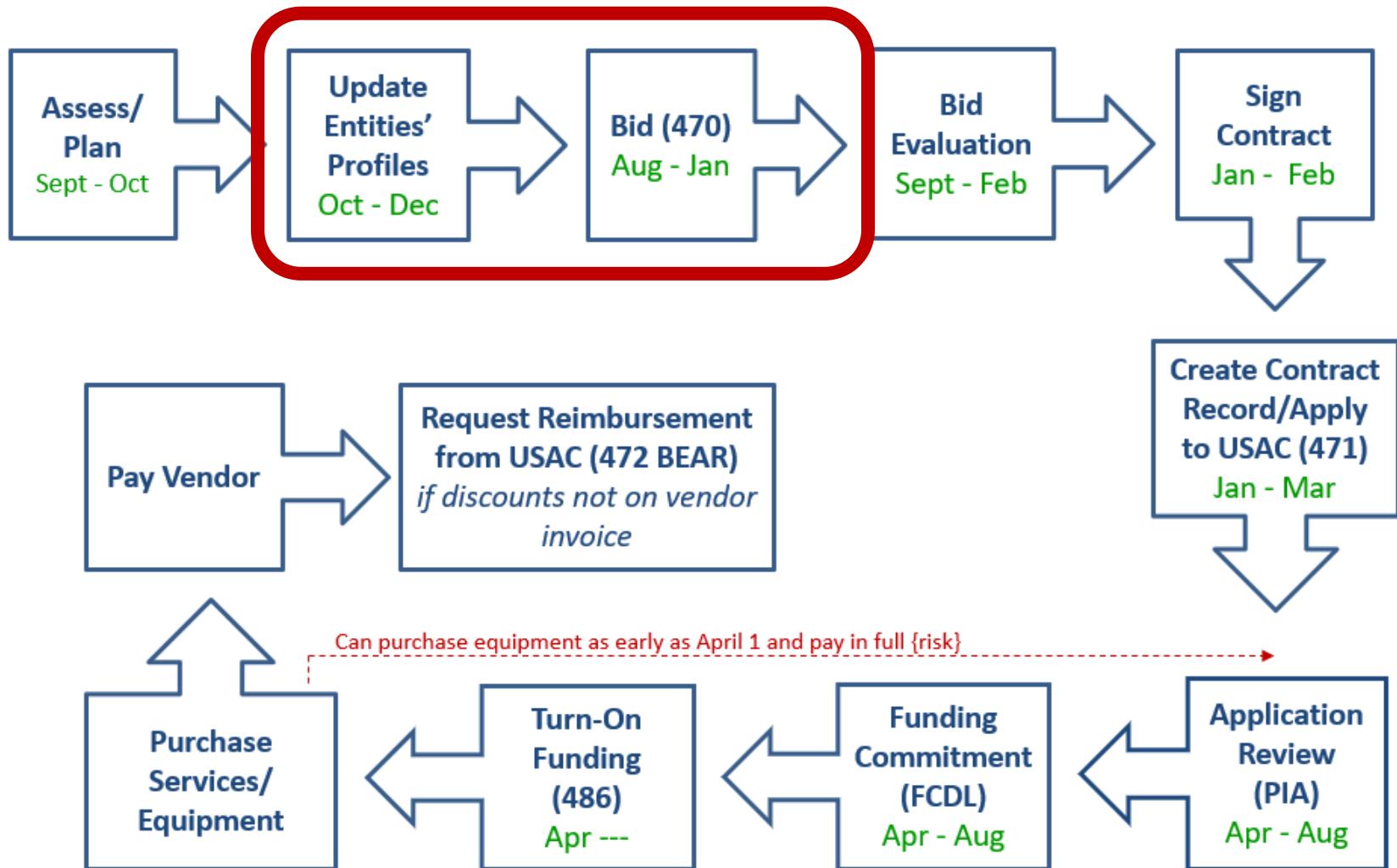
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# You are here in the FY 2026 E-Rate process:



# What is the Admin Window?

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- For FY 2026, Admin Window opens Wednesday, October 15, 2025 and the closing date is TBA but likely to be around January 9<sup>th</sup>
- Update entity profiles with current NSLP and enrollment numbers, and accurate name, address and building attributes
- System automatically computes discount percentage and Category 2 budget
- The entity profile information is automatically imported into each FCC Form 471
- Consortia 471s will automatically pull the discount data from each consortia member's EPC profile

# Source Data for Enrollment/NSLP #s

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- Schools typically use the enrollment/NSLP data submitted to the State Department of Education on their October NSLP Claim Form
  - Although you can use more recent data, the official DOE data is what USAC's PIA team uses to validate your data
  - If you use different data, just be prepared to justify that data during your PIA review
- Sometime in mid-to-late December, the State DOE will provide the State E-rate Coordinator with the draft data that has not yet been finalized.
  - Schools technically have until the end of the calendar year to update this data
  - Draft report also contains CEP % and CEP base year for schools using CEP
  - Upon request from a school official the State E-rate Coordinator will share the draft data for the district or school
  - Schools that do not participate in the NSLP program must use alternate method to identify students who meet the income guidelines to qualify for NSLP
    - Use alternate data collection such as income survey
    - Review Tab 10, pp. 9-14 of Fall 2025 E-Rate Resource Manual
    - online at <https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/documents/Erate-10.pdf>

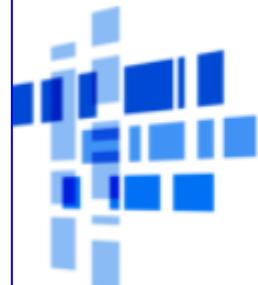
# UPDATING DISCOUNT DATA IN SCHOOL PROFILES



# EPC Navigation to Modify Entity Enrollment & NSLP Data

From your Landing Page...

## My Applicant Landing Page



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Welcome, Lawrence South Dakota School District!

**Step 1: Click on a district's name to see their profile data**

**Step 2: Click "Discount Rate" to see a list of schools for your entity**

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**#120 - Lawrence South Dakota School District**

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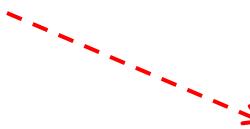
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# Opening Each School's EPC Profile

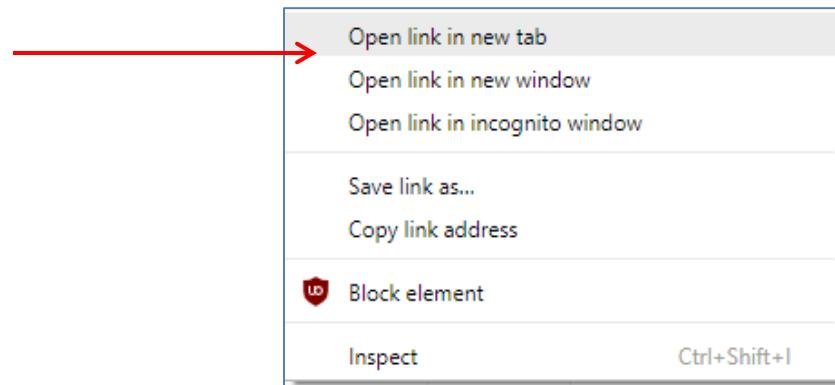
**Step 3: Click “Show Entities” and the list of schools will appear (not NIFs)**

School District Full-time Enrollment	School District NSLP Count
5761	4820
<b>SHOW ENTITIES</b>	



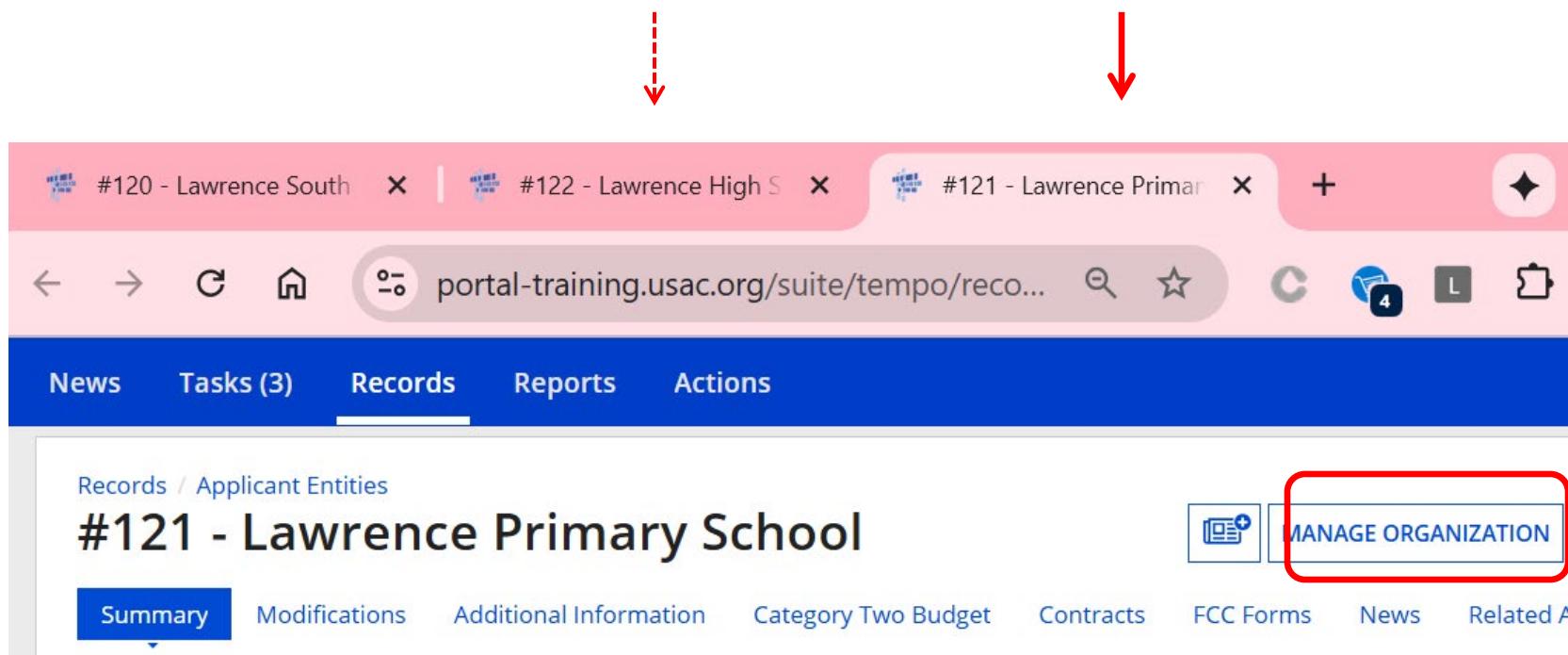
Organization	BEN
Lawrence High School	122
Lawrence Primary School	121

**Step 4: Right Click on each school name and select “Open link in new tab.” Do this consecutively for each school name on the list. This will create a tab at the top of your browser – one for each school.**



# Editing Each School's EPC Profile

**Step 5: Click on the tab for the first school, and then click “MANAGE ORGANIZATION” to open the “editable” version of the page.**



The screenshot shows a web browser with three tabs open at the top: #120 - Lawrence South, #122 - Lawrence High S, and #121 - Lawrence Primary. The #121 - Lawrence Primary tab is active. The browser interface includes a back/forward navigation bar, a search bar with the URL portal-training.usac.org/suite/tempo/reco..., and a toolbar with icons for refresh, search, and other functions. Below the tabs is a blue navigation bar with links for News, Tasks (3), Records, Reports, and Actions. The main content area is titled 'Records / Applicant Entities' and shows the details for ' #121 - Lawrence Primary School'. At the bottom of this section are tabs for Summary, Modifications, Additional Information, Category Two Budget, Contracts, FCC Forms, News, and Related A. The 'MANAGE ORGANIZATION' button, which is part of a larger button labeled 'Edit Entity', is highlighted with a red box.

# Edit the School's Profile Data: NON CEP Schools

**Step 6: Scroll down the page to the Enrollment and NSLP data and update.**

**Enter Enrollment Data**



**Number of Full Time Students \***

3457

**Enter NSLP Eligibility Data**



**Total Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) ? \***

2892

**Community Eligibility Program (CEP)? \***

Yes

No

**Alternative Discount Method \***

None

Indicate if an alternative discount mechanism was used to calculate the number of students eligible for NSLP

# Edit the School's Profile Data: CEP-Participating Schools

Step 6: Scroll down the page to the Enrollment and CEP % data and update.

Enter Enrollment Data

Number of Full Time Students \*

3457

Select "Yes" under CEP? Then enter CEP % and select Base Year

Community Eligibility Program (CEP)? \*

Yes

No

*This figure is calculated automatically based on enrollment and CEP% data x 1.6.*

*If CEP % \* 1.6 > 100% you will see this message.*

*In this example 75% x 1.6 = 120%*

Total Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) ?\*  
2213

CEP Percentage\*  
40

CEP Base Year\*  
2025

Total Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) ?\*  
3457

The number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program cannot exceed the total number of full time students. Because your CEP Percentage makes the number of students eligible for NSLP exceed your total number of full time students, the number of students eligible for NSLP is now set to equal the number of full time students. This change will not affect your E-rate discount calculation.

CEP Percentage\*  
75.00%

# Codes = Optional

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- These code fields are all optional. If you try entering data and receive a red error message, just erase the data and submit

<b>State School Code</b>
106172003
<b>State LEA Code</b>
<b>NCES Public State Code</b>
<b>NCES Public District Code</b>
<b>NCES Public Building Code</b>
<b>FCC Registration Number</b> 
0012722211

# Modification Nickname Action Required

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- After you “submit” the updated data, the system will ask you to give the modification a nickname

## Organization Modification Nickname

All changes to your organization can be seen on the Modifications page found in the menu on your left under Modifications. Please enter a short description of the modification made in the field below.

**Modification Nickname \***

**CANCEL** **SUBMIT**

- You can simply click the space bar to proceed to Submit

# Returning to the List of Schools

- To update the next school's data, click on the next tab, then Manage Organization to make the form “editable.”



# Reviewing Your Discount Rate

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**Step 7:** After you've updated the data for each school, return to the first tab, which will be the Discount Rate page. Click on Discount Rate again for the discounts to update

**Step 8:** Ensure your data is accurate

- *If they do not match the totals you have, click on “SHOW ENTITIES” to determine where the inaccurate data exists*

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#120 - Lawrence South Dakota School District



Summary Customer Service Modifications Additional Information **Discount Rate** Category Two Budget Contracts  
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## Requested Discount Rate - Lawrence South Dakota School District (BEN: 120) - FY2025

More than 50 percent of your individual schools must be rural for the school district to be considered rural. (Swing spaces are not considered.)

This discount rate has not been approved for the current year

School District Full-time Enrollment	School District NSLP Count	School District NSLP Percent	School District Urban/Rural Status	Category One Discount Rate	Category Two Discount
5761	4820	84%	Rural	90%	85%

# Reviewing Your Discount Rate

- If you receive this message, it means there is data missing from one or more schools in your district

The information in your organization's profile is not sufficient to calculate your Discount Rate.

- Click 'Show Entities' to determine which school(s) have problems

Organization	BEN	Total Number Of Students Enrolled In School	Total Number Of Students in School Eligible For NSLP
Lawrence High School	122	2304	<input type="text"/>
Lawrence Primary School	121	3457	2892

**School District**

Full-time Enrollment	School District NSLP Count
5761	4820

**SHOW ENTITIES**

If a field is blank, this is where the problem exists

# Updating School ‘Subtypes’

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- If one of your schools qualifies for one or more of the school subtypes, select those designations on that school’s EPC profile page:

**Check All That Apply** [Show Help](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction School
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Swing Space
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Detention Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> General-Use School
<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory	<input type="checkbox"/> ESA School
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter School	<input type="checkbox"/> BIE
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal School	

# Updating Data after Admin Window

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- After the Admin Window closes in early January, the school profile data will be “locked down” and the Form 471 window will open
  - It will not be possible for Applicants to update this data in EPC after the Admin Window closes
    - If new schools open after the 471 window opens, call USAC at 888-203-8100 and they will try to figure out a work-around in these rare situations
  - After the Admin Window closes, corrections can be made to Entity profile data by using the RAL Correction Process once the Form 471 has been submitted
    - PIA will review the RAL correction during the application review
    - Not ideal and likely will delay the approval of your application

# UPDATING CATEGORY 2 ENROLLMENT DATA FOR SCHOOLS



# Category 2 Budget Calculation Data

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- School Category 2 budgets are calculated based on student enrollment
- C2 enrollments must be entered separately in EPC for each school entity's profile
- ***VERY IMPORTANT FOR FY 2026:*** This is the first year of a new 5-year C2 budget cycle. To ensure your C2 budgets are accurately computed, you **MUST** provide updated C2 enrollments in each school entity's profile.
- If you opt to spread out your C2 budget and apply again in a later year, you are not required to update your C2 enrollments in later years, but **you may do so if advantageous** (for example when your overall student enrollment has increased from the prior year)

# Where to Update C2 Enrollment Data

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- Schools enter their Category 2 enrollment data under “Manage Organization” at the bottom of the page in a section called “Category Two (C2) Budget Information”
  - In this section, districts can enter their district-wide enrollment total, or their school-level enrollments
  - Data entered on a school’s EPC profile will NOT be transferred to the C2 budget page
- *Why would a district want to update enrollment at the school building level instead of using the aggregate district-level enrollment? \$\$\$*
  - If a district has 10 or fewer schools, and any of those schools has fewer than 150 students, it will be advantageous for the district to enter enrollment data by school so the EPC system will use the “hybrid” method of calculating C2 budgets, thus giving the district a higher budget
  - Districts with 11 or more schools are not eligible to use the hybrid method but if you have several buildings with fewer than 150 students, it makes sense to enter the school level data to ensure the system calculates the most advantageous budget possible.

# Updating C2 Budget Profile

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# Updating C2 Budget Profile

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## Manage Organizations

### Existing Organizations

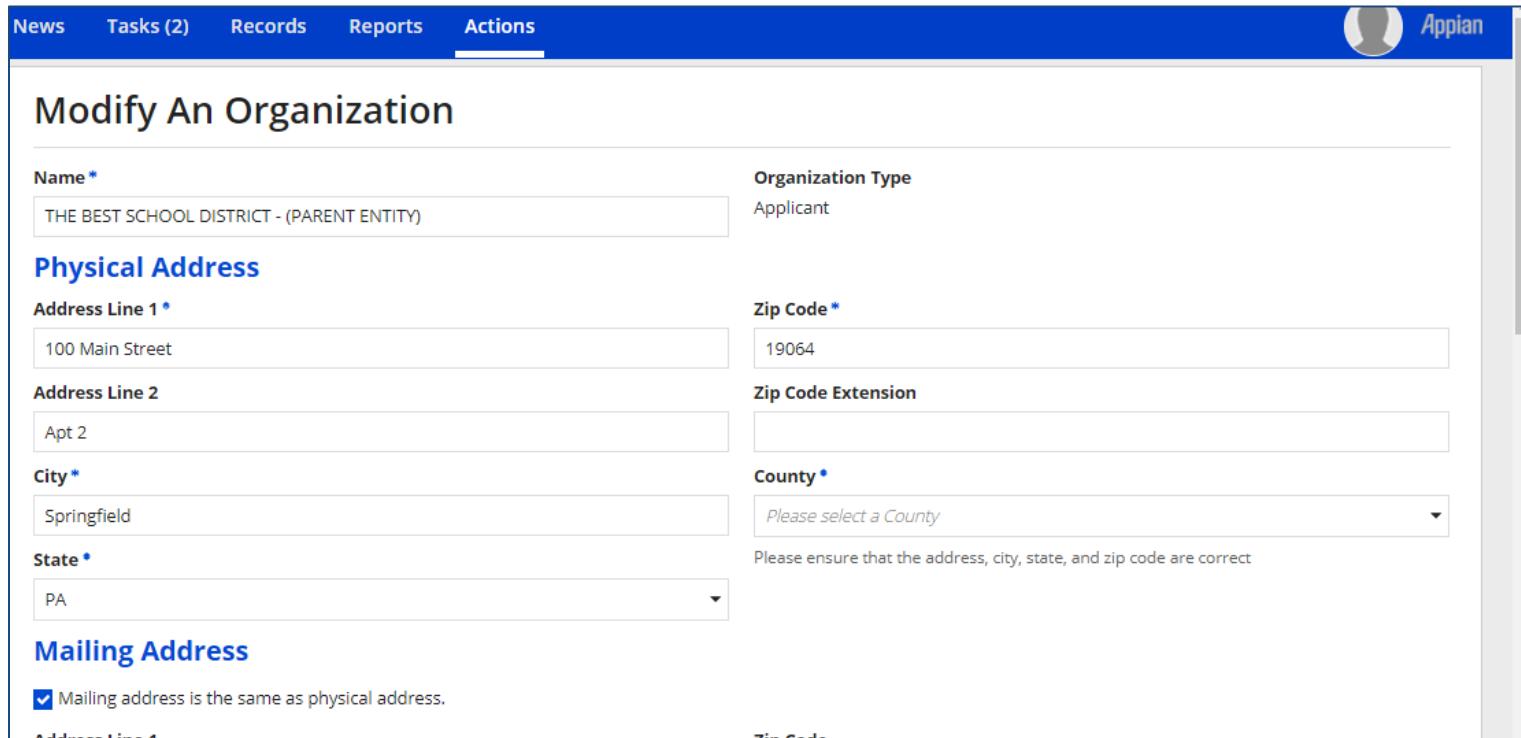
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billed Entity Name	City	State
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	THE BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - (PARENT ENTITY)	Springfield	PA

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# Updating C2 Budget Profile

Scroll to the bottom of this page until you see this:



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## Modify An Organization

Name \* THE BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - (PARENT ENTITY)

Organization Type  
Applicant

**Physical Address**

Address Line 1 \* 100 Main Street

Address Line 2 Apt 2

City \* Springfield

State \* PA

Zip Code \* 19064

Zip Code Extension

County \* Please select a County

Please ensure that the address, city, state, and zip code are correct

Mailing address is the same as physical address.

Address Line 1 Zip Code

Category Two (C2) Budget Information

# C2 Budget Information Section

This is the section you're looking for on the Manage Organization Page

## Category Two (C2) Budget Information

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**How does the district report its student count for Category Two budget? ? \***

- One number for my whole district
- A number for each school in the district

### Sum of Student Counts of all Schools in the District

5761

## School Information

### Entity Number or Name

--Please enter an entity name(at least 3 characters) or an entity number--

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Entity Number	Entity Name	Total Students for C2 budget	Is the student count estimated? <span style="color: blue;">?</span>	Eligible for C2 budget?	
109	Plainfield Elementary School	349	N/A	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>	<a href="#">EDIT</a>
10597	Gallaudet Elementary School	234	N/A	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>	<a href="#">EDIT</a>

# How to Enter C2 Enrollment Data

**A) Select “One number for my whole district” if:**

- 1) No schools have < 150 students, or
- 2) There are more than 10 schools in district

... then enter the district-wide student enrollment in the text box



How does the district report its student count for Category Two budget? ? \*

One number for my whole district  
 A number for each school in the district

District Student Count \*

**B) Select “A number for each school in the district” if:**

- 1) At least one school has < 150 students, and
- 2) There are more than 10 schools in district

... then enter each school’s enrollment data in the fields below



How does the district report its student count for Category Two budget? ? \*

One number for my whole district  
 A number for each school in the district

# If Entering Enrollment by School (B)

Entity Number	Entity Name	Total Students for C2 budget	Is the student count estimated? <small>?</small>	Eligible for C2 budget?	<small>EDIT</small>
109	Plainfield Elementary School	115	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>

Click 'EDIT' and the enrollment field becomes editable.

Entity Number	Entity Name	Total Students for C2 budget	Is the student count estimated? <small>?</small>	Eligible for C2 budget?	<small>EDIT</small>
109	Plainfield Elementary School	115	N/A	✓	<small>UPDATE</small>
10597	Gallaudet Elementary School	227	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>
10598	Boone Middle School	344	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>
10599	Franklin High School	555	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>
10600	Bluford Middle School	1234	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>
10601	Guggenheim Elementary School	456	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>
10602	Anderson Elementary School	1234	N/A	✓	<small>EDIT</small>

Enter the enrollment data, then click 'UPDATE.'

# Don't Forget to 'Submit'

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- After entering the district-wide enrollment or the school building enrollment data, be certain to click the Submit button at the bottom of the page:  
A blue rectangular button with the word "SUBMIT" in white capital letters, centered horizontally and vertically within the button.
- If the data isn't 'submitted,' it won't be captured by the system and used to calculate your C2 budget

# Alternative Method of Entering C2 Data

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- If using option B (entering enrollment by school), and if also updating each school's enrollment and NSLP data for the year, applicants can update their C2 enrollment at the bottom of each school's EPC profile page
  - This data is then updated on the district's Manage Organization page for that school
  - Entering the enrollment in the discount calculation section will NOT update the C2 enrollment data
    - Those two datasets are not linked

# LIBRARY UPDATES TO DISCOUNT & C2 INFORMATION



# Updating Library Profile Information

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## Manage Organizations

### Existing Organizations

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billed Entity Name	City	State
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ind Library 10071	Rockville	MD

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# Updating Library Profile Info

**Modify An Organization**

**Name \***  
Ind Library 10071

**Organization Type**  
Applicant

**Physical Address**

**Address Line 1 \***  
Address1

**Zip Code \***  
20850

**Address Line 2**

**Zip Code Extension**

**City \***  
Rockville

**County \***  
Click the button below to get standard USPS address

**State \***  
MD

**Please Specify \***  
Montgomery

Please ensure that the address, city, state, and zip code are correct

Please enter the name of the county and ensure that it is spelled correctly

**VERIFY MY ADDRESS**

**Latitude / Longitude**

**User-entered Latitude ?**  
These fields can be left blank

**User-entered Longitude ?**

**Latitude ?**

**Longitude ?**

**LOOKUP URBAN/RURAL STATUS**

# Updating Library Profile Info

## Mailing Address

Mailing address is the same as physical address.

Address Line 1

Address1

Address Line 2

City

Rockville

State

MD

Update mailing address if necessary

Zip Code

20850

Zip Code Extension

County

Montgomery

## Other Methods of Contact

Phone Number \*

012-345-6789

Ex. 000-000-0000

Phone Number Extension

Email

ind.library.10071@mailinator.com

Website URL

## Library Information

Library Sub-Type \*

- Public Library
- Private Library

Check All That Apply

- Academic
- Research
- Tribal Library
- Bookmobile
- Kiosk
- New Construction Library
- Main Branch
- Tribal College/University Library (for public use)
- State Library Agency - Library

Is this library part of a library system?

No

Select any applicable Library Info/Attributes

# C2 Budget & School District Linkage

Scroll to the bottom of this page until you see this:

**Category Two Budget Information**

Square Footage*	1240
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Square footage must be provided to qualify for Category Two funding.

**Associated School District**

BEN	NAME
306	School District 10001

If this library is no longer a main branch, please unselect the Main Branch Checkbox

**Search for School Districts**

BEN Search	Name Search
State Search	Zip Code Search

Please select a value

**FCC Registration Number** ?

0123456789

**CANCEL** **SEARCH** **CLEAR FILTERS**

**Make sure square footage of the building is accurate. Square footage includes public and non-public areas of the building.**

**Confirm that the associated school district is where the library is located. If not use the search function to find the correct district.**

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- <https://opendata.usac.org/E-rate/E-rate-C2-Budget-Tool-FY2021-/8z69-hkn7>
- Updated nightly
- Use filters and enter **Billed Entity Name or Billed Entity Number (BEN)**

NOTE: the new budget cycle information is not going to be available until mid to late October

The image shows the USAC C2 Budget Tool interface. On the left is a 'Filters' sidebar with dropdown menus for State, Applicant Type, City, Billed Entity Name, BEN, and Consulting Firm Name (CRN). A red dashed arrow points from the 'BEN' dropdown in the filters to the 'BEN' search field in the results panel. The results panel shows a search bar with '125326' entered, a list of selected values ('125326', '10005', '100072', '100124'), and an 'Apply' button. A red dashed box highlights the 'Apply' button. A red arrow points from the 'Apply' button to a red box around the 'C2 B...' column in the results table. The text 'C2 Budget' is written in red next to the 'Apply' button. A red dashed arrow points from the 'C2 B...' column in the table to the 'C2 B...' column in the results panel.

BEN	Bille...	City	State	Appli...	Cons...	C2 B...	Child...	C2 B...	Full T...	Libra...	Scho...	Libra...	C2 B...
125326	ALBERT G...	UNIONTON...	PA	School Di...	Intermedi...	FY2021-2...	8	Per Site B...	3,317		\$167.00		\$553,939....

# CATEGORY 2 BUDGET OVERVIEW



# FY 2026 – 2030 NEW C2 Budget Cycle

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- **Let's review:**
  - Each billed entity receives a five-year prediscount budget for purchase of Category 2 equipment and service
  - The prediscount amount is multiplied by your E-Rate discount to quantify E-Rate funding amount
  - The funds can be spent at any time during the five years
  - At the end of the fifth year all unspent funds are forfeited and zeroed out

# Budget Multipliers

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- **Multiplier**
  - Per student multiplier is  $\$201.57 \times \# \text{ students}$
  - Minimum floor amount is \$30,175 and is activated when a school has less than 150 students or a library has less than 5,558 square feet
    - Tribal libraries have a higher minimum floor amount of \$66,385
- **Entities can use either method that produces the highest amount**
- **Small districts or library systems – 10 or fewer buildings have a third option called the “hybrid” method**
  - Calculate budget for each building separately.
  - if you have schools with enrollments of less than 150 students, or libraries with less than 5,558 square feet, you can claim the minimum amount for those buildings and then use the applicable multiplier for the larger buildings
  - Add up the building totals to determine your total prediscount budget

# C2 Budget Status Settings

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- Applicants will be required to validate their student counts or library square footage in the first year they apply for C2 support during the FY2026-2030 cycle.
- Each billed entity begins with a **Forecast budget** based on your EPC profile
- Once a Form 471 is certified, the status changes to **Preliminary Budget**
- After PIA review is completed, the status changes to **Confirmed Budget** and will remain in effect through FY 2030 unless you request a “replacement” budget in FY 2027 – 2030
- **Replacement Budget** is when a school’s enrollment or library’s square footage increases after their C2 budget is **confirmed**, the C2 budget information is updated in EPC & the entity requests a replacement budget
  - Note that decreases in student enrollment or library square feet do not have to be reported in EPC after the entity’s C2 budget is **confirmed**. If the budget is not yet confirmed, the information must be updated with current information

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The screenshot shows the USAC C2 Budget Tool interface. On the left, a 'Filters (4)' sidebar is open, containing dropdowns for State (SD), Applicant Type (School District), City (ABERDEEN), and Billed Entity Name (Select...). Below the filters is a 'C2 Budget Cycle' dropdown set to 'FY2026-2030'. On the right, a search bar is set to 'is' and contains the text 'ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 6-1'. A red arrow points from the 'Billed Entity Name' dropdown in the filters to the search bar. A red dashed box surrounds the 'Apply' button. The text '(No value)' is displayed above the search results.

**C2 Forecasted Budget**

The screenshot shows a results table for the Aberdeen School District. The columns include BEN, Billed Entity Name, City, State, Applicant Type, Consulting Firm Name (CRN), C2 Budget Cycle, Child Population, C2 Budget Type, Full Time Staff, Library Staff, School Staff, Library Budget, C2 Budget, and C2 Budget Forecast. The 'C2 Budget Forecast' column for the Aberdeen School District is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it.

BEN	Billed Entity Name	City	State	Applicant Type	Consulting Firm Name (CRN)	C2 Budget Cycle	Child Population	C2 Budget Type	Full Time Staff	Library Staff	School Staff	Library Budget	C2 Budget	C2 Budget Forecast
134200	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 6-1	ABERDEEN	SD	School District	Select...	FY2026-2030	10	Per Site Budget	4,250		\$201.57		\$856,672...	Forecast

# How to See C2 Budget In EPC

- After updating EPC profiles, use the C2 Budget tab in EPC

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Category Two Budget information presented below reflects data starting in FY2016.

▼ 2026 - 2030

▼ 2026 (Budgeted Entity)

► Show column definitions

Budget Status	Budget	Total In-Review Requested Costs	Total Committed Costs	Total In-Review Requested and Committed Costs	Remaining Budget	
Forecast	\$181,413.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$181,413.00	<a href="#">View Details</a>

# ELIGIBLE SERVICES OVERVIEW



# Category 1 Services

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- **No School Bus Wi-Fi or Off-Campus Wi-Fi eligibility - rescinded**
- Most common services are internet access and/or broadband wide area network circuits to interconnect multiple buildings
- Many, but not all, school districts receive their internet connections from the state network, with direct connections to their buildings
  - Some districts have their own wide area network, and the state network will deliver internet to the district's hub site
  - These districts will need to procure their own WAN circuits
- Schools not on-net with the state network may need to purchase their own internet connection or wide area network circuit
  - Examples: Non-public schools, tribal schools, colony schools, libraries that are not on the state network
    - Note: some libraries already receive internet via the state network when they are connected through local government agencies

# Category 2 Eligible Equipment & Services

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- Central network equipment and service for delivering internet inside school and library buildings
- 3 current subcategories
  - Equipment – “Internal Connections” (IC)
  - Maintenance – “Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections” (BMIC)
  - Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS)

# C2 Internal Connections

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Component	Component
Access Points	Uninterruptible power supply/battery backup for eligible equipment
Antennas	Wireless controller
Connectors	Software/operating systems of eligible equipment
Cabling	Licenses (right to use) for eligible equipment
Caching	Virtualized (cloud based) functionalities
Basic firewall functionality	Bundled warranty included in price (not separate fee)
Switches	Installation, configuration of eligible equipment
Routers	Basic training on use of equipment
Racks	

# BMIC Proposed Simplification

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- FCC has issued draft FY2026 Eligible Services List and **proposes** to move all manufacturer support licenses from BMIC to IC!
  - Software supporting IC to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings and libraries, as well as bug fixes, security patches, and remote technical support or configuration to support IC
- This means that prepaid multi-year support licenses will be eligible to be funded in the first year of purchase, just like Right-to-Use Licenses
- This would eliminate the historical confusion and discrepancy between BMIC and RTU licenses
- Prediction that this will be adopted in the final Eligible Services List because it's widely supported by stakeholders

# BMIC – What's Left?

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- Basic maintenance and technical support appropriate to maintain reliable operation when provided for eligible broadband internal connections.
- This includes:
  - Repair and upkeep of eligible hardware.
  - Wire and cable maintenance.
  - Configuration changes performed in person, on-site.
- Special requirements:
  - The agreement or contract must specifically identify the eligible internal connections covered, including product name, model number, and location
  - Support for basic maintenance will be paid for **the actual work performed under the agreement or contract**

# BMIC Exclusions

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- Services that maintain ineligible equipment
- Upfront estimates that cover the full cost of every piece of eligible equipment
- Services that enhance the utility of equipment beyond the transport of information, or diagnostic services in excess of those necessary to maintain the equipment's ability to transport information
- Network management services, including 24-hour network monitoring
- On-site technical support (i.e., contractor duty station at the applicant site), unless applicants present sufficient evidence of cost-effectiveness
- Unbundled warranties

# Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS)

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- Services provided by third party for operation, management, and monitoring of eligible internal connections
- Services may include:
  - Management and operation of the LAN/WLAN
  - Installation, activation and initial configuration of eligible components
  - On-site training on use of equipment
- Equipment ownership options
  - 3rd party manager may own equipment that is leased to the school or library.
  - School or library may own the equipment and contract for management services.
- MIBS includes network monitoring by personnel, but Basic Maintenance does not include monitoring
- FCC Order also states that MIBS includes **maintenance** of eligible IC but this language is **not** included in the draft ESL for FY2026

# FCC Asked for Comment on MIBS

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- Should it continue to be available?
- Is it beneficial?
- Is it cost-effective?
- Should the definition be refined?

# Category 2 Filing Tips

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- When requesting bids on equipment:
  - Ask for bids for Right-to-Use Licenses
  - Ask for bids for BMIC
  - Ask for bids for MIBS
- In the narrative box, explain exactly what services/licenses you request bids on; for example --
  - Bids for right to use licenses (specify single or multi-year)
  - Bids for software updates, bug fixes, technical support licenses (specify single or multi-year)
  - Bids for third party to operate, monitor and configure eligible IC (specify what equipment – list existing equipment in addition to new equipment that you’re bidding on 470 if applicable)
  - Bids for third party vendor to maintain equipment in proper working condition – either MIBS, BMIC or both

# Reminders of Upcoming Dates

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- 10/28/2025 – Recurring Service BEARs are due for FY 2024 FRNs
  - If you need an extension, log into EPC and request extension before current deadline. Extension is automatically approved if requested no later than the original invoice deadline
- 10/28/2025 – Deadline for filing FCC Form 486 to certify CIPA compliance and confirm services have started, for FRNs with approved FCDL dated on or before 7/1/2025

# Upcoming Webinars

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## **E-Rate Form 470 and Competitive Bidding**

**When: Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, 10:00 AM Central Time**

Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/d9I2PrkKRqGCAFvKx7kt0A>

## **E-Rate Bid Evaluation and Contracts**

**When: Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025, 10:00 AM Central Time**

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/R\\_utklsXShmxMfS7H-Xk4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/R_utklsXShmxMfS7H-Xk4g)

## **E-Rate Office Hours**

**When: Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025, 10:00 AM Central Time**

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/GPIWe5dDSt6Hw93vuA-zPQ>

## **E-Rate Form 471 Filing for Category 1**

**When: Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026, 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ONrDLRiCSBei\\_wNTePuotw](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ONrDLRiCSBei_wNTePuotw)

## **E-Rate Form 471 Filing for Category 2**

**When: Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026, 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/aRwA\\_WDaTzCDfnL\\_Kg39Xw](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/aRwA_WDaTzCDfnL_Kg39Xw)

## **Answering PIA Pre-Funding Review Questions**

**When: Feb. 11, 2026, 10:00 AM Central Time**

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/j\\_naj35NR\\_G4XylMAR4F8g](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/j_naj35NR_G4XylMAR4F8g)

## **E-Rate Office Hours**

**When: Feb. 18, 2026, 10:00 AM Central Time**

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/E1bIQYIURBiBSwVO6Q4p5A>

# Other Resources

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- Email me at [dmkriete@comcast.net](mailto:dmkriete@comcast.net) and we can set up a call or Zoom
- Fall 2025 Updated E-Rate Resource Manual online
  - <https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/sderate.aspx>
- Sign up for the state E-Rate listserv
  - [https://www.k12.sd.us/MailingLists/SD\\_E-Rate](https://www.k12.sd.us/MailingLists/SD_E-Rate)
- Sign up for USAC News briefs
  - <https://fe391570756406797d1477.pub.s10.sfmcc-content.com/3n2usens2cz>
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