

Eligible Services for E-Rate FY2024 (Draft) (no changes from FY2023)

Category 1:

Telecommunications – Voice – no longer eligible – this includes both landline and cellphones as well as all supporting services (PRI Lines, SIP trunks etc). WAN or Internet lines supporting VoIP are still eligible.

Telecommunications – Data – no changes to discount rate

Data Lines / WAN / Fiber (any technology)

Wireless / Fiber / Radio Links

Internet Access

Access Lines/Ports - any technology/ any speed

DNS/DHCP/Firewall/Managed Router Services may be included

Category 2: FY2024 is the fourth year of a new 5-year cycle for Category 2 Budgets.

1. Your school or district budget for Category 2 will be approximately \$167/student over the five years 2022-2025. This is a pre-discount amount and represents the total amount over 5 years. For example; if you have 1000 students then you have \$167,000.00 to spend on Category 2 items over those 5 years. The amount of your reimbursement is based on your discount rate.
2. This amount is no longer tied to individual schools and the equipment purchased is allocated to the district overall – not to individual schools. Thankfully – you now have only a single, district-wide Cat2 budget to manage.
3. If you used Cat2 funds in FY2021, FY2022 or FY2023 just subtract the amounts spent from your 5-year budget to get the remaining amount available. Your original 5 year budget amount should stay the same regardless of changes in enrollment (it can go up but now down).

Eligible Items for Category 2:

Internal Connections *(may include Project Management, Installation and Configuration)*

Cabling / Connectors / Racks (fiber and copper)

UPS Equipment

Wired LAN/WAN - Switches / Routers

Wireless LAN/WAN – Access Points / Controllers

Firewalls

Caching Servers

BMIC – Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Break/Fix Maintenance of all eligible equipment

Software Upgrades, Tech Support

MIBS (Managed Internal Broadband Services)

This is a fixed fee management of your WiFi network. Can be equipment that you already own or it can be a 'service' where the vendor retains ownership of equipment. Benefit is that this eligibility includes network management. See SLD's definition below.

Per SLD Eligible Services List: Services provided by a third party for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections are eligible managed internal broadband services (e.g., managed Wi-Fi).