

# E-Rate Eligible Services

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# E-Rate

E-Rate is a program that makes funding available to schools and libraries in the United States for the purpose of obtaining affordable telecommunications and Internet access.



**Specifically, E-Rate supports connectivity - the means for communications using telecommunications services and/or the Internet.**

E-Rate, formally known as The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

**The program provides funding in four categories of service:**

- 1. Telecommunications services**
- 2. Internet access**
- 3. Internal connections**
- 4. Basic maintenance of Internal connections**

The level of funding provided by the program depends on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served. Funding levels range from 20% to 90% of the costs of approved services.

Districts, schools, libraries, or consortiums applying for funding under the program, must provide additional resources such as end-user equipment (computers, telephones, etc.), software, professional development, and everything else that might be necessary to utilize the connectivity funded by E-Rate.

### Why Use E-Rate?

- Most cost effective way to receive telecommunications services, including broadband connectivity, Internet service, phone service, and much more.
- Discounts as high as 90% are available from USAC on telecommunications services and access fees, and on some hardware.



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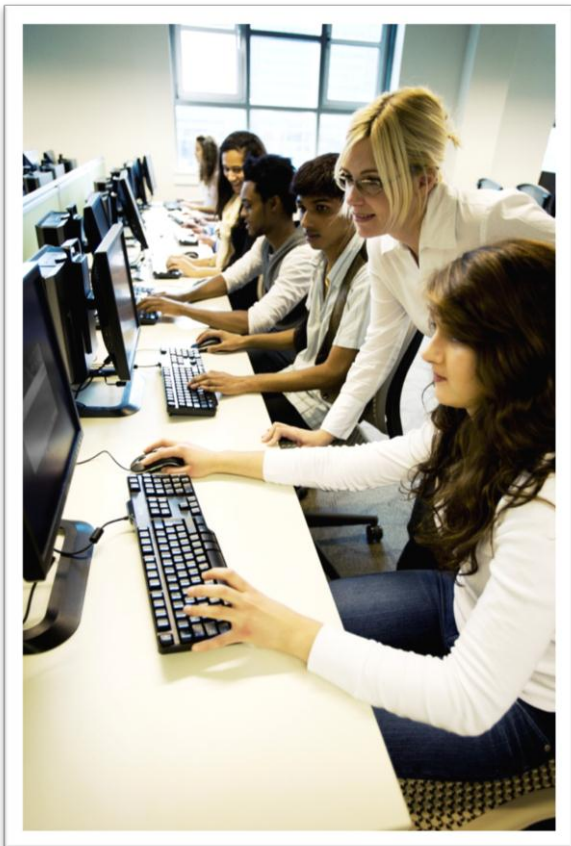
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# E-Rate Eligible Services from STC

## STC Is An E-Rate Leader

STC has been involved with E-Rate since 1999, and with a large percentage of our business tied to E-Rate, we continue to proactively address the changing eligibility and filing requirements.

Our Engineering and Project Management staff are trained and qualified to design and oversee installation of all E-Rate eligible solutions as well as integrating ancillary, non-E-Rate items.



## Why Is STC Better?

- Top E-Rate vendor since 1999
- Experts in E-Rate rules, processing, and funding
- Impeccable integrity and relentless customer support throughout this involved program
- Above average track record of getting approvals for funding
- Proven project management capabilities for projects large and small
- Productive relationship with USAC personnel through the project approval stage, change order process, and the post-project audits



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