

E-Rate Works

Annual funding cap: \$3.9 billion

Since 1998, E-Rate has provided deep discounts on telecommunications services, internet access and internal building connections to K-12 schools and public libraries.

E-Rate package

CATEGORY 1

NO FUNDING FORMULA:

Discounts range between 20-90%

Services Supported: Internet access services, external broadband connections to buildings



Applicants have right to self-provision, that is to build and own broadband connections to buildings

CATEGORY 2

FUNDING FORMULA:

\$150 per student for five years

Discounts range between 20-85%

Services Supported: Wi-Fi, internal connections



E-Rate progress

Goal 1: Robust Wi-Fi

(100 Mbps/1,000 students) in all classrooms by 2019

E-Rate progress toward this goal:

- 2013: 30% of all classrooms
- 2015: 77% of all classrooms
- 2016: 88% of all classrooms

Source: Education Superhighway Survey, 2017



2013



2015



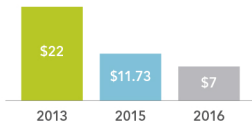
2016

Goal 2: Self-provisioning and transparency result in driving down prices

E-Rate progress toward this goal:

- 2013: \$22/Mbps (before self-provisioning option)
- 2015: \$11.73/Mbps
- 2016: \$7/Mbps

Source: Education Superhighway Survey, 2017



What it means for schools



- More students and educators connected.
- Lower costs for schools.

Our work to meet E-Rate goals isn't done.
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