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 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

**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. Stay up to date on program changes. iste.org/e-rate.