



St. Louis Public School 2014-2015 E-Rate Update

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Agenda

- ▶ E-Rate definition
- ▶ Update on historical E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Changes in E-Rate Funding for FY2016
- ▶ Update on current E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Share upcoming projects

Definition/Process

Program created in 1996 which provides discounts for schools & libraries in:

- ▶ Telecommunications
- ▶ Internet access
- ▶ Internal connections
- ▶ Basic maintenance of internal connections

- ▶ Discounts are based on the free/reduced lunch percentage
- ▶ Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are posted
 - Bids are received & reviewed
 - Vendor is selected
 - Application is submitted
 - Schools wait for approval

E-Rate Historical Initiatives

- ▶ Installed current network – both wide area network & local area network (WAN & LAN) in 2001
 - Updated 45 schools from FY2012 Funding
 - Will update 18 additional schools after MAP Testing
 - Applying for remaining 5 schools in FY2016 Funding
- ▶ Local telephone service *
- ▶ Installed Wide Area & Local Area Networks*
- ▶ Internet access for District *
- ▶ Cell phones *
- ▶ Maintenance on network and telephone equipment **
- ▶ Cabling (both new wiring and repair) **

* Priority 1 /Category 1
** Priority 2/Category 2

Changes in E-Rate Funding

- ▶ FCC recently modified the allowable projects and limited costs for projects
 - No longer funded—Districts now pay 100%
 - Telephone system (on premise)
 - Telephone maintenance
 - Web Hosting
 - Limits in costs:
 - Calculated at \$30 per student per year
 - Costs cover WAN/LAN maintenance
 - New cabling
 - Break/fix cabling
 - Update to infrastructure (WiFi only)

Changes in E-Rate Funding

- ▶ Example -- Local & Cell phones funding will be reduced each year:
 - Previously District paid between 12% and 14% of bill
 - 2015–16 – District pays 30%
 - 2016–17 – District pays 50%
 - 2017–18 – District pays 70%
 - 2018–19 – District pays 100%

We are in the process of reviewing all phone lines for cost reduction purposes

Awarded/District Cost

Funding Year	Applied	Granted	District Cost	Notes
2007	\$9,647,152	\$8,424,576	\$1,160,660	
2008	\$8,067,337	\$2,809,216	\$457,314	No P2 Funding
2009	\$6,342,235	\$4,790,815	\$912,538	
2010	\$5,237,846	\$4,609,305	\$628,542	
2011	\$1,540,890	\$1,340,574	\$200,316	No P2 Funding
2012	\$11,352,082	\$10,186,337	\$1,165,745	WAN upgrade
2013	\$1,574,362	\$1,385,438	\$188,923	No P2 Funding
2014	\$1,554,695	\$1,368,132	\$186,563	No P2 Funding
	\$45,361,599	\$34,914,393	\$4,900,601	

2016 E-Rate Proposed Initiatives

- Local phone service (renewal)
- Cell phone service (renewal)
- Internet access (renewal)
- Wide area network (renewal)
- Cabling Break/Fix and new Projects (RFP)
- Network maintenance (RFP)
- Upgrade to remaining 5 schools (RFP)

Questions