

# eRate

## 2026-2027 School year

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- **What is eRate?**
  - Federal program
  - Provides discounts to schools
  - Eligible Services
    - Internet services (Cat 1)
    - Internal connections & Maintenance (Infrastructure-Cat 2)
- **Based on NSLP**
  - Currently Snyder is eligible for 80% reduction



- **What is exciting this year?**
  - Year 1 of 5 for Category 2 funding is approximately **\$500,000** (\$208/student x 2400 students \$499,200)
- **What does this mean?**
  - We have the opportunity to improve technology infrastructure **\$600,000** for a cost of approximately \$100,000 over the next 5 years



# eRate History for SISD

	Approximately Requested	Approximately Committed	Approximate Cost
10 Yr Total	\$1,240,000	\$1,043,000	\$208,600
18 Yr. Total	\$1,884,000	\$1,686,000	\$337,200
28 Yr. Total	\$2,700,000	\$2,180,000	\$436,000



Assuming our discount was 80% for all years

## 2026 Category 1 and 2 Possible eRate Commitments

	Requested	Committed	Approximate Cost
2026 Cat 2 Wifi Upgrade (Primary, Technology and Administration)	\$120,715.90 (3 vendors bid from \$120,715.90-\$130,191.30)	Anticipate 80%	<b>\$24,143.18</b>
2026 Cat 1 Auxiliary Campuses Internet 3 Year Term	\$17,280.00 (from \$120 per month to \$1550 per month)	Anticipate 80%	<b>\$3,456.00</b>
2026 Cat 1 WAN (Year 3 of 5)	\$46,335.60	\$37,068.48	\$9,267.12
2026 Cat 1 Internet (Year 2 of 3)	\$28,740.00	\$22,992.00	\$5,748.00

Note: Category 1 is guaranteed if properly applied for - covers internet, formally telecommunications

**20% is our responsibility after approval**



# Action needed for 2026-2029 eRate Contracts

- Move to approve the contract with Trifecta Integrations for Wifi upgrades in the amount of \$120,715.90, contingent upon successful, favorable, and final funding approval from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and receipt of an E-rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) for the 2026 funding year. If E-rate funding is not approved for any reason, this contract is deemed void or subject to renegotiation..
- Move to approve the contract with Poka Lambro Telecommunications for Internet Service in the amount of \$17,280, contingent upon successful, favorable, and final funding approval from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and receipt of an E-rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) for the 2026 funding year. If E-rate funding is not approved for any reason, this contract is deemed void or subject to renegotiation.



# Additional Talking Points?

