About the Program

The E-Rate program **provides K-12 schools and libraries with discounts** for eligible services and products such as Internet access, telecommunications, basic network security, and certain types of network infrastructure.

E-Rate discounts range from 20% to 90% for eligible solutions, depending on economic need and location (urban or rural). There are **approximately $2.25 billion in disbursements available** annually for to E-Rate applicants.

E-Rate Program: Focused on the Future

Protect your network and students, while enabling the use of the tools your school ecosystem needs to flourish.
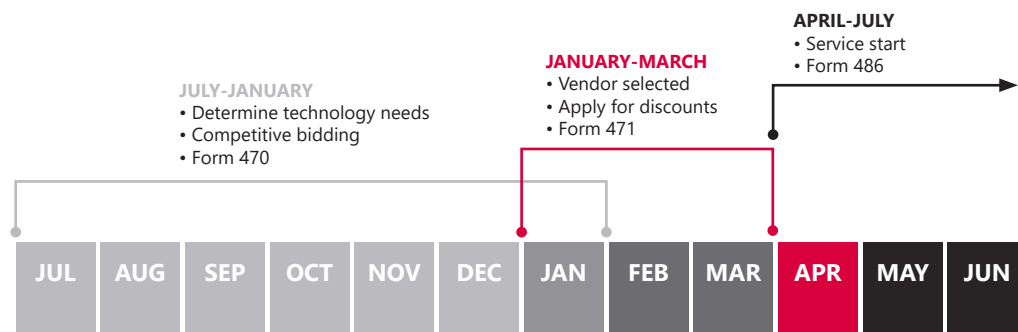
The Modern Classroom

The ongoing proliferation of innovative digital learning technologies and the need to connect students and teachers to life-long learning and information have led to a steady rise in demand for bandwidth in schools and libraries.

The modern classroom challenges the budget and infrastructure for many schools. Combat such challenges by leveraging the E-Rate program to offset costs of telecommunications products and services, internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections.

E-Rate Program: Key Changes

Be sure to utilize all 2020 funds your school may have received as funds are "use it or lose it" due to 2020 being designated as the transition year to bridge the old budget cycle to the new cycle beginning in 2021, when the new E-Rate funding formulas take effect.

JULY-JANUARY
• Determine technology needs
• Competitive bidding
• Form 470

JANUARY-MARCH
• Vendor selected
• Apply for discounts
• Form 471

APRIL-JULY
• Service start
• Form 486

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN

To learn more:
• **Universal Service Fund** - https:/fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund
• **Modernization of the E-Rate program** - https:/fcc.gov/e-rate-update
• **E-Rate eligible services** - https://usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/eligible-services-list.aspx
• **E-Rate eligibility definitions** - https://usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/definitions.aspx

E-RATE 2.0 CATEGORY 1 CATEGORY 2
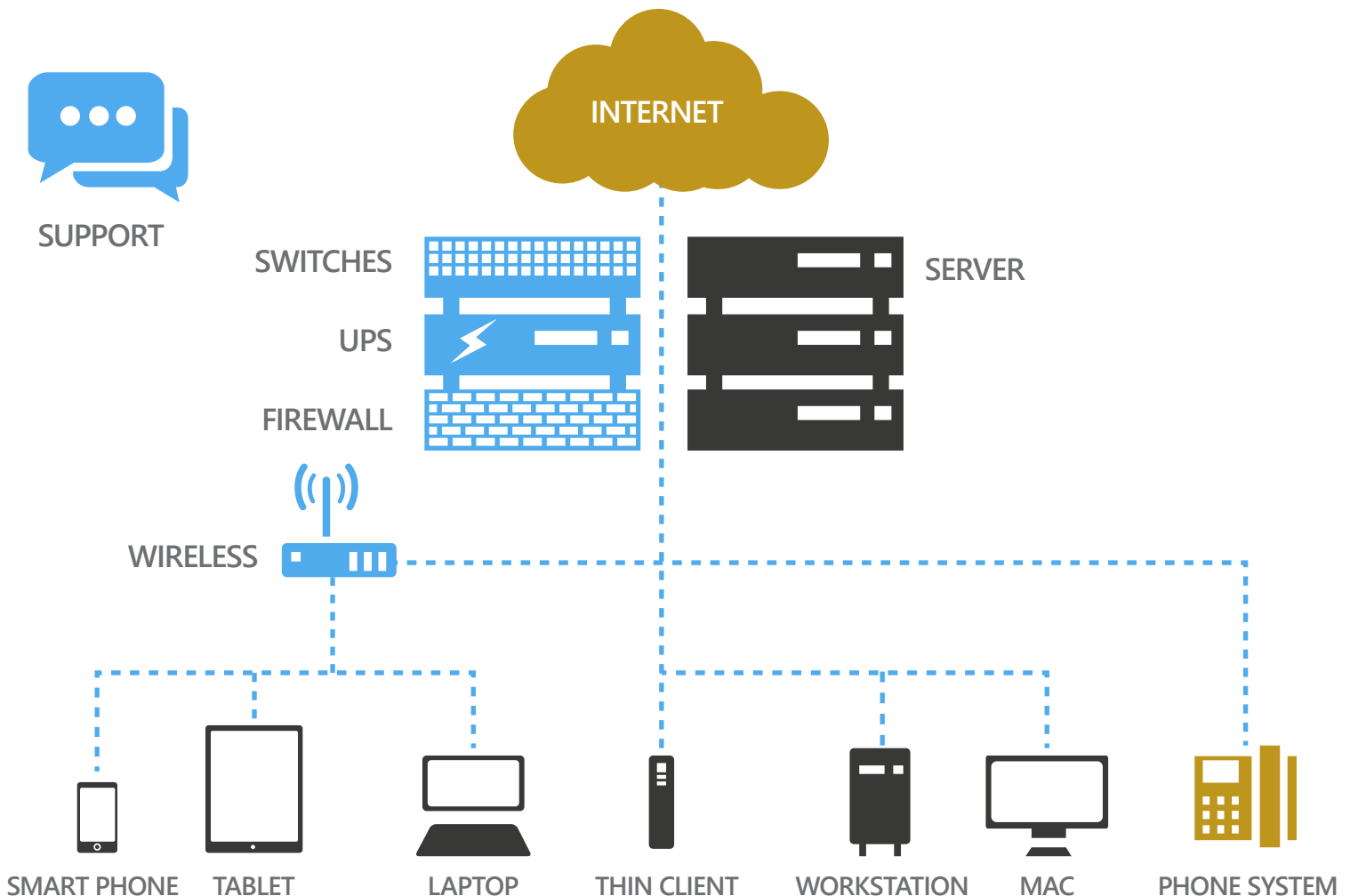
OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

1 CATEGORY 1
- New Ineligible Services
- Phase Out of Voice Services
- Phase Out of Wireless Data Plans

2 CATEGORY 2
- Per Student Budget
- Focus on Wireless Connectivity
- All Districts Eligible

SUPPORT

INTERNET

SWITCHES

UPS

FIREWALL

SERVER

WIRELESS

SMART PHONE   TABLET   LAPTOP   THIN CLIENT   WORKSTATION   MAC   PHONE SYSTEM

■ CATEGORY 1   ■ CATEGORY 2   ■ NOT ELIGIBLE

Let us help you upgrade your classroom with the E-Rate eligible technology that gives your teachers and students the best tools for success.