

New York Schools and Libraries Discount Program

The Schools and Libraries Discount Program permits eligible schools (public and private, grades Kindergarten through 12) and libraries to purchase the Company services offered in the New York intrastate portion of this Guide at a discounted rate, in accordance with the Rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its Universal Service Order 97-157, issued May 8, 1997 and the New York State Public Service Commission in its Opinion and Order 97-11 Adopting Discounts for Services for Schools and Libraries, issued June 25, 1997. The Rules are codified at 47 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 54.500 et. seq.

As indicated in the Rules, the discounts will be between 20 and 90 percent of the pre-discount price, which is the price of services to schools and libraries prior to application of a discount. The level of discount will be based on an eligible school or library's level of economic disadvantage and by its location in either an urban or rural area. A school's level of economic disadvantage will be determined by the percentage of its students eligible for participation in the national school lunch program, and a library's level of economic disadvantage will be calculated on the basis of school lunch eligibility in the public school district in which the library is located. A non-public school may use either eligibility for the national school lunch program or other federally approved alternative measures to determine its level of economic disadvantage. To be eligible for the discount, schools and libraries will be required to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Rules. Discounts are available only to the extent that they are funded by the federal universal service fund. Schools and libraries may aggregate demand with other eligible entities to create a consortium.

Regulations

1. Obligations of Eligible Schools and Libraries

a. Requests for Service

1. Schools and libraries and consortia shall participate in a competitive bidding process for all services eligible for discounts, in accordance with any state and local procurement rules.
2. Schools and libraries and consortia shall submit requests for services to the Schools and Libraries Corporation, as designated by the FCC, and follow established procedures.
3. Services requested will be used for educational purposes.
4. Services will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

2. Obligations of the Company

- a. The Company will offer discounts to eligible schools and libraries on commercially available intrastate telecommunications services contained in this Guide. The intrastate services which are excluded from the discount program in accordance with the Rules are Voice Mail Services.
- b. The Company will offer services to eligible schools, libraries and consortia at prices no higher than the lowest price it charges to similarly situated non-residential customers for similar services (lowest corresponding price).
- c. In competitive bidding situations, the Company may offer flexible intrastate pricing or rates other than in this Guide, where specific flexible pricing arrangements are allowed.

Discounted Rates for Schools and Libraries

1. Discounts for eligible schools and libraries and consortia shall be set as a percentage from the pre-discount price, which is the price of services to schools and libraries prior to application of a discount.
2. The discount rate will be applied to eligible intrastate services purchased by eligible schools, libraries or consortia.
3. The discount rate is based on each school or library's level of economic disadvantage as determined in accordance with the FCC Order or other federally approved alternative measures (as permitted by the Rules) and by its location in either an urban or rural area.
4. The discount matrix for eligible schools, libraries and consortia is included on the following page.

Schools and Libraries Discount Matrix

% Discount Level

How Disadvantaged

Urban
Discount

Rural
Discount

% of students eligible for
national school lunch program

<1	20	25
1-19	40	50
20-34	50	60
35-49	60	70
50-74	80	80
75-100	90	90