

### Reimbursement Methodology: Schools

Idaho LEAs that apply for E-rate funding are eligible to receive state reimbursement for the non-discounted portion of their Category 1 applications (Data Transmission and/or Internet Access). Per [Idaho § 33-5604](#), the Educational Opportunity Resource Committee may determine the eligibility requirements and reimbursement methodology for state reimbursements. The following requirements and methodology is effective July 1, 2022:

#### To receive automatic state reimbursement, LEAs must:

- 1) **Make a good-faith effort to apply for E-rate funding.**
- 2) **Reasonably comply with requests for information, such as contracts and utilization data.**
  - Per [Idaho § 33-5604 \(3\)](#), “E-rate eligible entities shall cooperate with the committee in carrying out its duty to compile and analyze [utilization] information.”
- 3) **Have an Internet Access connection that is within the recommended service levels (see table below)**
  - If connection exceeds maximum service levels, LEAs must submit an appeal before receiving reimbursement. To submit an appeal, LEAs must first contact the Program Coordinator: 208-332-6993, or [broadband@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:broadband@sde.idaho.gov).
- 4) **Submit eligible invoices no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current funding/fiscal year.**

### Recommended Bandwidth For LEAs by User Count

User Count (Students + Staff) as reported in ISEE	Recommended Bandwidth
499 Users or below	Minimum: 100 Mbps Maximum: Up to 1 Gbps if the monthly cost is: 1) equal to or less than \$2,000/mo, AND 2) equal to or less than \$2.00 per Mbps
At least 500	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 1 Gbps
At least 1,500	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 2 Gbps
At least 3,000	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 5 Gbps
At least 6,000	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 10 Gbps, or 1Mbps/User
At least 15,000	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 20 Gbps, or 1 Mbps/User
At least 35,000	Minimum: 1 Gbps Maximum: Up to 40 Gbps, or 1 Mbps/User