# E-Rate Rules and Funding

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- "The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. It is one of four support programs funded through a Universal Service fee charged to companies that provide interstate and/or international telecommunications services." — Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) Website

# E-Rate Program Overview

- Discounts/Reimbursements for telecommunications related equipment and/or services

- Discounts based on Free and Reduced Lunch Program

# Benefit to Schools

- Submit Form 470 – This can have an RFP attached or the 470 itself can act as an RFP which requires bids
- After 28 days a winning bid can be accepted and a form 471 is issued.
- Each application is then reviewed by the SLD's Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) team
- Funding is approved and the District issues a form 486 accepting the funding

# E-Rate Process

- Discounts on Bills – Vendor/Provider receives reimbursement from SLD

- BEAR Form (Form 472) – District pays entire amount to vendor/provider and then receives reimbursement from SLD

# Methods of Receiving Discounts

- Data Lines
- Telephone Lines
- Cellular Phones
- Websites
- Networking Equipment
- Wireless Equipment
- E-mail Upgrades
- Yearly Maintenance of Eligible Equipment

# Areas MJUSD Receives Discounts

- Data Lines ............................. $168,193
- Telco ......................................... $129,874
- Cellular ..................................... $  67,966
- E-mail/Web................................ $  29,136
- Maintenance ............................ $  27,253

- Total Discounts ..................... $422,422

**MJUSD Approved Discounts for 2010-2011 at 83%**

- Items from previous year …. $425,000
- Cabling project …………………… $313,947
- Hardware ………………………… $1,478,296

- Total Expected Discounts ……$2,217,243

**Expected Approved MJUSD Discounts for 2011-2012 at 84%**