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Rhode Island Telecommunications Educational Access Fund Bandwidth Upgrade Form

Must be returned by: FRIDAY, September 18, 2026 for Funding Year 2027/2028

School/District/Library Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Your Name

Title

Phone Number

Ext.

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Increasing your line capacity is entirely optional and should be done at the discretion of the school/library's network administrator.

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I do **NOT** wish to increase my bandwidth capacity at this time.

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I **DO** wish to increase my bandwidth capacity at this time **and have emailed a spreadsheet with justification for the request to erate@ride.ri.gov (only emailed requests will be considered)**

If you decide to request an increase in bandwidth capacity....

Attach a spreadsheet listing all school(s) or libraries, their current individual bandwidths and the desired upgrades. Please be sure to include ALL schools and administrative locations where you desire service. Highlight the locations with requested increases. **Also include detailed justification** for the increase request. All locations must be eligible and in the SLD database of schools and libraries. Check to verify their eligibility on the SLD web site or call the SLD help desk.

There are many factors that influence a decision to increase LINE CAPACITY. The underlying lines that serve your school, district or library are part of the state's K12 network. They may or may not be the same size as the INTERNET ACCESS you purchase. Please contact RIDE if you need help to distinguish between your LINE CAPACITY and INTERNET ACCESS.

Keep in mind that with an increase in the amount of Internet connected devices, there must be an equal increase in bandwidth to maintain a specific level of performance. Also consider that increased bandwidth leads to increased cost; your maximum bandwidth should be limited to what the technology plan suggests is necessary to effectively function. This enables all schools to receive their fair share of the RITEAF budget.

It is possible to opt out of the E-Rate program, however by doing so a school forfeits all of its technology subsidies from the State of Rhode Island's RITEAF program.

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