

School and Library Discounts

Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)) certain schools and libraries receive support under the definition of universal service. The discount matrix is presented for calculating discount to those qualifying entities.

School & Library Discount Matrix	Discount Levels	
How Disadvantaged % of students eligible for national school lunch program	Urban Discount	Rural Discount
< 1	20%	25%
1 – 19	40%	50%
20 – 34	50%	60%
35 – 49	60%	70%
50 – 74	80%	80%
75 – 100	90%	90%

The discounts shall be available only after January 1, 1998, and only if the discounts are solely funded through the federal universal service program. Actual intrastate discounts may be lower than shown if federal funding is insufficient to cover the full discount. Details regarding the federal program and qualification for federal funder are found at 47 C.F.R. Part 54.