

Chronology ERATE Category 1

The DeKalb County School District applies for reimbursement funding from The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for services that connect DeKalb County School District facilities to the DeKalb County Schools Wide Area Network (WAN) and the Internet. DeKalb County Schools, if awarded receives a 90% reimbursement for all services.

Since 2005, DCSD has owned its own buried fiber optic network which includes almost 240 miles of buried cable, connecting the district together in a Wide Area Network (WAN). This year DCSD applied for ERATE reimbursement for the following services to support the WAN.

- Dark Fiber – This is the Connection from AIC to 56 Marietta
- New sites switches and associated hardware (Dresden, Cross Keys, Sequoyah and Kroger Building)
- Fiber installation to attach new sites to DCSD Wide Area Network (WAN)
- Fiber Maintenance

If approved, the vendors that will be providing these goods and services are the current DCSD vendors.

Year	Description	Vendor	Amount Spent
2025-2026	Dark Fiber	Zayo	\$50,000.00
2025-2026	Switch Equipment	CDW-G	\$62,505.96
2025-2026	Fiber – New Sites	Zayo	\$291,026.00
2025-2026	Fiber Maintenance	Zayo	\$1,416.00

Category 1 Services:

- **Definition:** These are services that provide the basic infrastructure needed for schools and libraries to access the internet, including data transmission services and internet access.
- **Examples:** Telecommunications, telecommunications services, and internet access.
- **Focus:** Connecting schools and libraries to the internet.
- **Budget:** There is no budget for C1 services.

Category 2 Services:

- **Definition:** These services are designed to enable high-speed broadband connectivity and internal connections within schools and libraries.

- **Examples:** Internal connections (IC), Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS), and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC).
- **Focus:** Providing high-speed internet access within the school or library building.
- **Budget:** C2 services are subject to a pre-discount cost ceiling, which is a five-year budget calculated based on the number of students in the school or the square footage of the library.
- **Equipment:** Includes equipment and services needed for local area networks and wireless local area networks inside schools and libraries.