E-Rate Program Checklist

Maximize the benefit from the E-Rate program.

The checklist

1. Confirm your available budget
   - Review your Category 2 budget balance through your E-Rate consultant or USAC portal.

2. Assess your technology needs
   - Prioritize Wi-Fi, networking infrastructure, cybersecurity, and power upgrades to support future growth.

3. Match projects to E-Rate eligible items
   - Focus on access points, network switches, cabling, UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supplies), and managed broadband services.

4. Plan early, buy smart
   - Lock in vendors and establish a timeline for your E-Rate projects to avoid delays.

5. File funding requests correctly
   - Submit your Form 470 and Form 471 requests by their respective deadlines to secure your funding.

6. Document every step
   - Save invoices, contracts, service certifications, and any other documents for audit purposes.

7. Prepare your infrastructure to meet increasing demand.
   - Invest in scalable solutions that will grow with your students' needs and future tech innovations.

The future belongs to those who build it.
Start now and turn your E-Rate funding into a foundation for endless opportunity.

[Schedule your free E-Rate strategy session »](#)

Vertiv.com | **Vertiv Headquarters,** 505 N Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43082, USA