

Benton County School District

BILLED ENTITY 128530 • MISSISSIPPI • FUNDING REPORT FY1998–2025

231 Court Street, Ashland, MS 38603 • 1,083 students • 991 NSLP students

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Overview																
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total E-Rate Subsidies	\$106K	\$36K	\$36K	\$30K	\$30K	\$104K	\$47K	\$47K	\$47K	\$127K	\$293K	\$194K	\$206K	\$225K	\$640K	\$48K
Average Discount Rate	87%	90%	90%	90%	90%	88%	90%	50%	60%	70%	84%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service Providers	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	4	3	6	6	5	3
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	1,000	1,000	1,000	813	813	813	692	692	567	733	—	—	—	—	—	—
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	1,000	1,000	1,000	813	813	813	692	692	567	733	—	—	—	—	—	—
Subsidies by E-Rate Service Type																
Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$8K	\$10K	—	—	—	—	—
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$16K	\$162K	\$191K	\$59K	\$42K
Internal Connections	\$75K	—	—	—	—	\$74K	—	—	—	—	\$109K	—	—	—	\$575K	—
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$31K	\$36K	\$36K	\$30K	\$30K	\$30K	\$47K	\$47K	\$47K	\$119K	\$174K	\$179K	\$44K	\$34K	\$6K	\$7K
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Subsidies by E-Rate Service Provider (top 10, FY2024)																
Service Provider	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Telepak Networks, Inc.	\$31K	\$36K	\$36K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$36K	\$36K	\$36K	\$29K	—	—
Southern Computer Systems, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$561K	—
Contact Network, Llc	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$47K	\$47K	\$47K	\$119K	\$138K	\$138K	\$142K	\$149K	\$14K	—
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$7K	\$10K	—	—	\$26K	\$50K	\$32K
Howard Technology Solutions	\$75K	—	—	—	—	\$74K	—	—	—	—	\$109K	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Light, Llc	—	—	—	\$30K	\$30K	\$30K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
At&T Mobility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$20K	\$22K	\$18K	\$15K	\$15K
Recipient Demographics (latest profile)																
Recipient	Address		City		Discount Rate		Students		NSLP		NSLP %		Urban/Rural			
Ashland Elementary School	768 Lamar Rd 38603		Ashland		85%		294		294		100%		Rural			
Ashland High School	17 School Ave 38603		Ashland		85%		208		208		100%		Rural			
Ashland Middle School	123 School St 38603		Ashland		90%		119		112		94%		Rural			
Benton County Alternative School	17 School Ave 38603		Ashland		85%		0		0		—		Rural			
Benton County Regional Voc. Center	25 Industrial Drive 38603		Ashland		85%		0		0		—		Rural			

Sources: USAC Open Data — E-Rate Recipient Details and Commitments (avi8-svp9), funded FRNs only; FCC Form 471 FRN Status (qdm-p-ygft); USAC legacy commitments for FY1998–2015 (BEN level). Billed-entity figures are total authorized disbursements (entity-wide, exact). Service-provider top 10 ranked by lifetime disbursements, sorted by FY2024. Student counts sum USAC recipient-site profiles (entity-wide). FY2026 omitted (funding year in progress). Note: the last year or two in any disbursement series always looks artificially low (FY2025 invoices are still being paid), which is why the history dips at the end — that’s the real state of USAC’s data, not an error. Technology Policy Institute, 2026-06-10.

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Recipient Demographics (latest profile) (continued)

Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Hickory Flat Attendance Center	1005 Spruce St 38633	Hickory Flat	85%	462	377	82%	Rural

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Overview (FY1998–2009)

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Total E-Rate Subsidies	\$63K	\$68K	\$67K	\$72K	\$46K	\$69K	\$156K	—	\$91K	\$207K	\$125K	—
Average Discount Rate	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	87%	—	86%	87%	87%	—
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service Providers	5	8	5	8	3	6	6	—	5	5	6	—
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Subsidies by E-Rate Service Type (FY1998–2009)

Service Type	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecomm Services	\$63K	\$44K	\$65K	\$59K	\$46K	\$65K	\$60K	—	\$56K	\$64K	\$28K	—
Internal Connections	—	\$21K	—	\$11K	—	\$4K	\$96K	—	\$35K	\$144K	\$98K	—
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	\$3K	\$2K	\$3K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Subsidies by E-Rate Service Provider (FY1998–2009)

Service Provider	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Telepak Networks, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Computer Systems, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	\$4K	\$94K	—	\$35K	\$144K	\$93K	—
Contact Network, LLC	—	\$3K	\$2K	\$3K	—	\$21K	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc.	\$46K	\$30K	\$45K	\$44K	\$46K	\$38K	\$48K	—	\$56K	\$60K	\$33K	—
Howard Technology Solutions	—	\$11K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Light, LLC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
At&T Mobility	\$17K	\$12K	\$21K	\$15K	—	\$3K	\$9K	—	—	—	—	—

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