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Rutherford Co School District

BILLED ENTITY 126967 · NORTH CAROLINA · FUNDING REPORT FY1998–2025

382 West Main Street, Forest City, NC 28043 · 7,261 students · 7,261 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	$297K	$260K	$582K	$140K	$632K	$383K	$171K	$200K	$172K	$197K	$1.1M	$162K	$165K	$176K	$176K	$183K
Average Discount Rate	88%	88%	85%	90%	87%	88%	88%	48%	50%	63%	80%	81%	81%	82%	80%	80%
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	22	23	23	23	21	21	22	22	22	19	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service Providers	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	4,273	4,522	4,522	4,522	4,000	4,429	3,864	3,864	4,000	3,842	–	–	–	–	–	–
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	4,273	4,522	4,522	4,522	4,000	4,429	3,864	3,864	4,000	3,842	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$18K	$42K	$68K	$32K	–	–	–	–	–
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$125K	$150K	$153K	$164K	$164K	$173K
Internal Connections	$174K	$126K	$442K	–	$502K	$253K	–	–	–	–	$960K	–	–	–	–	–
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	$123K	$134K	$140K	$140K	$130K	$130K	$137K	$130K	$130K	$130K	–	$11K	$11K	$12K	$12K	$10K
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	$35K	$53K	–	–	$6K	–	–	–	–	–
Broadband Category 1	$123K	$134K	$140K	$140K	$130K	$130K	$137K	$148K	$172K	$197K	$157K	$162K	$165K	$176K	$176K	$183K
Equipment Category 2	$174K	$126K	$442K	–	$502K	$253K	$35K	$53K	–	–	$966K	–	–	–	–	–
Total	$297K	$260K	$582K	$140K	$632K	$383K	$171K	$200K	$172K	$197K	$1.1M	$162K	$165K	$176K	$176K	$183K

Category one services include telecommunications, telecommunications services and Internet access. Category two services include internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections and 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
E-Polk, Inc.	$123K	$134K	$140K	$140K	$130K	$130K	$137K	$130K	$130K	$130K	$125K	$101K	$105K	$113K	$121K	$126K
Applied Network Consulting Group	$174K	$126K	$442K	–	$502K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Education Networks Of America, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	$35K	$64K	$34K	$52K	$971K	–	–	–	–	–
Carolina Advanced Digital, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$4K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cdw Government Llc	–	–	–	–	–	$253K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Verizon Wireless	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2K	$8K	$15K	$27K	$50K	$48K	$51K	$43K	$46K
Fiberworks, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Recipient Demographics (latest profile)

Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Carver Center	900 Carver St 28160	Spindale	85%	86	86	100%	Rural
Chase High School	1603 Chase High Rd 28043	Forest City	85%	597	597	100%	Rural

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Rutherford Co School District (continued)

Recipient Demographics (latest profile) (continued)

Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Chase Middle School	840 Chase High Road 28043	Forest City	85%	476	476	100%	Rural
Cliffside Elementary School	4016 Us Hwy 221 A 28024	Cliffside	85%	210	210	100%	Rural
East Rutherford High School	331 E High Rd 28043	Forest City	85%	617	617	100%	Rural
East Rutherford Middle School	259. E Church Street 28018	Bostic	85%	531	531	100%	Urban
Ellenboro Elementary School	813 Piney Mountain Road 28040	Ellenboro	85%	575	575	100%	Rural
Forest City Dunbar Elementary School	286 Learning Parkway 28043	Forest City	85%	435	435	100%	Rural
Forrest Hunt Elementary School	100 Forrest Hunt Dr 28043	Alexander Mill	85%	415	415	100%	Rural
Harris Elementary School	3330 Us Highway 221 S 28043	Forest City	85%	455	455	100%	Rural
Maintenance	320 Fairground Road 28160	Spindale	90%	–	–	–	—
Mount Vernon-Ruth Elementary School	2785 Hudlow Rd 28043	Forest City	85%	0	0	–	Rural
Pinnacle Elementary	1204 Painters Gap 28139	Rutherfordton	85%	365	365	100%	Rural
R S Middle School	607 Westbrook Dr 28139	Rutherfordton	85%	577	577	100%	Rural
Reach	286 Icc Loop Rd, Building 10 28160	Spindale	90%	213	213	100%	Rural
Rutherford County School - Rutherfordton Annex	134 Maple Street 28139	Rutherfordton	90%	–	–	–	—
Rutherford County Schools Operations Center	547 Day Break Drive 28139	Rutherfordton	90%	–	–	–	—
Rutherford County Schools Technology Center	158 Heigh Street 28040	Ellenboro	90%	–	–	–	—
Rutherford County Schools Transportation Department	400 Day Break Dr 28139	Rutherfordton	90%	–	–	–	—
Rutherford Opportunity Center	140 Old Caroleen Rd. 28043	Forest City	90%	0	0	–	Rural
Rutherford-Spindale Central Hs	641 Us Hwy N 221 28139	Rutherfordton	85%	712	712	100%	Rural
Rutherfordton Elem School	201 Bob Hardin Rd 28139	Rutherfordton	85%	382	382	100%	Rural
Spindale Elementary School	161 North Oak Street 28160	Spindale	85%	355	355	100%	Rural

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Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Sunshine Elementary School	231 Toney Rd 28018	Bostic	85%	260	260	100%	Rural

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Overview (FY1998–2009)

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Total E-Rate Subsidies	$181K	$587K	$366K	$102K	$72K	–	–	–	$77K	$131K	$58K	$78K
Average Discount Rate	78%	88%	71%	75%	75%	–	72%	70%	70%	75%	70%	69%
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service Providers	4	3	3	1	1	–	1	1	1	3	1	2
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	$171K	$122K	–	–	–	–	–	–	$27K	$87K	$49K	$78K
Internal Connections	–	$464K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$44K	–	–
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	$10K	–	$366K	$102K	$72K	–	–	–	$50K	–	$9K	–
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Broadband Category 1	$181K	$122K	$366K	$102K	$72K	–	–	–	$77K	$87K	$58K	$78K
Equipment Category 2	–	$464K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$44K	–	–
Total	$181K	$587K	$366K	$102K	$72K	–	–	–	$77K	$131K	$58K	$78K

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

Service Provider	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
E-Polk, Inc.	$142K	$122K	$309K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Applied Network Consulting Group	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Education Networks Of America, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Carolina Advanced Digital, Inc.	–	$462K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc.	–	–	$56K	$102K	$72K	–	–	–	$77K	$87K	$58K	$78K
Cdw Government Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Verizon Wireless	$30K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fiberworks, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$44K	–	–

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