

Columbus County Schools District

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89 School Road, Whiteville, NC 28472 • 7,364 students • 7,364 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	\$74K	\$99K	\$431K	\$115K	\$664K	\$266K	\$281K	\$314K	\$341K	\$320K	\$1.2M	\$702K	\$739K	\$2.0M	\$807K	\$845K
Average Discount Rate	90%	90%	88%	90%	88%	85%	87%	34%	41%	57%	77%	89%	89%	90%	90%	87%
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	13	13	14	14	21	18	21	22	20	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service Providers	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	8	9	9	11	10	9	9	9	9
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	953	1,405	1,405	1,405	—	—	—	—	—	—
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	953	1,405	1,405	1,405	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$16K	\$59K	\$74K	\$104K	—	—	—	—	—
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$510K	\$620K	\$664K	\$726K	\$706K	\$564K
Internal Connections	—	—	\$329K	—	\$547K	\$74K	\$57K	—	—	—	\$607K	—	—	\$1.2M	—	\$172K
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$74K	\$99K	\$102K	\$115K	\$117K	\$192K	\$224K	\$298K	\$282K	\$246K	—	\$81K	\$75K	\$16K	\$17K	\$23K
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$87K	\$84K	\$86K
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Broadband Category 1	\$74K	\$99K	\$102K	\$115K	\$117K	\$192K	\$224K	\$314K	\$341K	\$320K	\$614K	\$702K	\$739K	\$742K	\$723K	\$587K
Equipment Category 2	—	—	\$329K	—	\$547K	\$74K	\$57K	—	—	—	\$607K	—	—	\$1.3M	\$84K	\$258K
Total	\$74K	\$99K	\$431K	\$115K	\$664K	\$266K	\$281K	\$314K	\$341K	\$320K	\$1.2M	\$702K	\$739K	\$2.0M	\$807K	\$845K

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
Centurylink Carolina Telephone And Telegraph Co Fka Embarq	\$74K	\$99K	\$102K	\$115K	\$117K	\$192K	\$224K	\$301K	\$281K	\$246K	\$510K	\$465K	\$454K	\$1.6M	\$570K	\$539K
Sprint (Local Telephone Division)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$18K	\$21K	—	\$90K	\$133K	\$157K	\$143K	\$132K
Affiniti, Llc	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Applied Network Consulting Group	—	—	\$329K	—	\$547K	—	\$57K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mts Services Of Bedford, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$83K
Cnic, Inc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$607K	—	—	\$106K	—	—

Recipient Demographics (latest profile)							
Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Acme-Delco Elementary	16337 Old Lake Road 28456	Riegelwood	90%	381	381	100%	Rural
Chadbourn Elementary	409 East 3rd Avenue 28431	Chadbourn	90%	258	258	100%	Rural
Columbus County Department Of Transportation	1231 Chadbourn Hwy 28472	Whiteville	90%	—	—	—	—

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Recipient Demographics (latest profile) (continued)

Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Columbus County Schools Maintenance And Technology	89 School Rd 28442	Hallsboro	90%	—	—	—	—
East Columbus Junior-Senior High	32 Gator Ln 28450	Lake Waccamaw	90%	590	590	100%	Rural
Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary	1337 Giles Byrd Rd 28442	Hallsboro	90%	432	432	100%	Rural
Nakina Middle	9822 Seven Creeks Highway 28455	Nakina	90%	191	191	100%	Rural
Old Dock Elementary	12489 New Brittan Hwy E 28472	Whiteville	90%	281	281	100%	Rural
South Columbus High	40 Stallion Dr 28463	Tabor City	90%	657	657	100%	Rural
Tabor City School	203 Stake Rd 28463	Tabor City	90%	577	577	100%	Rural
West Columbus High	7294 Andrew Jackson Hwy Sw 28430	Cerro Gordo	90%	472	472	100%	Rural
West Columbus School	7685 Andrew Jackson Hwy Sw 28430	Cerro Gordo	90%	806	806	100%	Rural
Williams Township	10400 James B White Hwy S 28472	Whiteville	90%	691	691	100%	Rural
Acme-Delco Middle School	Po Box 40 28436	Delco	85%	127	127	100%	Rural
Cerro Gordo School	Po Box 9 28430	Cerro Gordo	85%	346	346	100%	Rural
Chadbourn Middle School	801 W Smith St 28431	Chadbourn	85%	0	0	—	Rural
Columbus Career And College Academy	277 Academy St 28439	Fair Bluff	85%	280	280	100%	Rural
Columbus County Technology Department	5487 Silver Spoon Road 28472	Whiteville	10%	—	—	—	—
Evergreen Elementary School	7245 Old 74 Hwy 28438	Evergreen	85%	357	357	100%	Rural
Guideway Elementary School	11570 Swamp Fox Hwy E 28463	Tabor City	85%	151	151	100%	Rural
Hallsboro Middle School	Po Box 248 28442	Hallsboro	85%	192	192	100%	Rural
Tabor City Elementary School	203 Stake Rd 28463	Tabor City	90%	410	410	100%	Rural
Tabor City Middle School	701 W 6th St 28463	Tabor City	90%	165	165	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	\$732K	\$1.6M	\$472K	\$466K	\$855K	\$1.8M	\$835K	\$995K	\$241K	\$2.3M	–	\$453K
Average Discount Rate	89%	90%	81%	82%	84%	84%	86%	87%	82%	82%	80%	80%
Schools & Libraries (in this area)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service Providers	9	11	11	12	10	11	8	8	8	5	2	3
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	\$607K	\$217K	\$134K	\$136K	\$129K	\$323K	\$266K	\$295K	\$221K	\$189K	–	–
Internal Connections	–	\$961K	–	–	\$309K	\$1.5M	\$555K	\$680K	–	\$2.1M	–	\$453K
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$21K	\$291K	\$258K	\$262K	\$231K	\$13K	\$13K	\$20K	\$20K	\$24K	–	–
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$104K	\$123K	\$80K	\$69K	\$186K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Broadband Category 1	\$628K	\$508K	\$393K	\$398K	\$361K	\$336K	\$279K	\$315K	\$241K	\$214K	–	–
Equipment Category 2	\$104K	\$1.1M	\$80K	\$69K	\$495K	\$1.5M	\$555K	\$680K	–	\$2.1M	–	\$453K
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Sprint (Local Telephone Division)	\$135K	\$139K	\$191K	\$171K	\$295K	\$1.4M	\$705K	\$844K	\$199K	\$2.3M	–	–
Affiniti, Llc	–	\$291K	\$258K	\$262K	\$225K	\$47K	–	–	–	–	–	–
Applied Network Consulting Group	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mts Services Of Bedford, Inc.	–	\$209K	–	–	\$309K	\$275K	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cnic, Inc.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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