Now Your School Lunch Program Can Help Nourish Your Students' Minds .



communication on the Internet promises many things to K-12 educators. There are worlds of reference materials, videos and educational forums that allow teachers to take lessons beyond the confines of the classroom and into exciting, real-world environments. Unfortunately, manageable Internet solutions have been cost prohibitive for many school systems in the past. But in the information age, the Internet is too valuable to let it pass your school by.

Welcome to your new educational technology opportunities with E-rate, a program originated with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and designed to help schools take advantage of communications products and services, including access to the Internet. With E-rate, the position your school holds in the National School Lunch Program determines the discount you can receive on communications products — 20-90% off. It's the hottest item on your menu since the Salisbury Steak, and more than \$2.2 billion in assistance is just waiting for you to claim your share.

What are the ingredients?

E-rate provides discounts on many communications technologies and services. And now, Compaq has designated a comprehensive line of products and services specially designed to comply with E-rate requirements to help you take a big bite out of the cost of getting into cyberspace. The high-performance Communication Servers available for this discount are the Compaq ProLiant 1200, 1600 and 3000, which provide direct, manageable connection to the Internet with either Novell or Microsoft platforms. Compaq Netelligent routers, hubs and switches all meet E-rate requirements. Network connections for building a school Intranet are also available.

Recipe for a discount.

For a complete description of E-rate requirements, visit www.eratehotline.org. Briefly, E-rate funding applications must include:

Percentage

in Category

Urban

Discount

20%

40%

50%

60%

80%

90%

Rural

Discount

25%

50%

60%

70%

80%

90%

of Schools

31%

19%

15%

16%

16%

% of Students

National Schoo

Lunch Program

Under 1%

1%-19%

20%-34%

35%-49%

50%-74%

75%-100%

Eligible for

- Technology inventory or assessment — list of current or budgeted communicationsrelated equipment, maintenance contracts and staff training and experience.
- Technology plan specifies how these
- technologies will be integrated into the curriculum.
- Description of services to be purchased includes information used to collect bids from providers, as well as your school's percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program.
- Certification under oath sworn statement that the school is eligible and that the school promises to meet all requirements of the program.

Finding a solution is easy, then the rest is gravy.

Compaq will work with you to design a total solution, including financing consultation and lease-to-purchase options for the portion of your purchase not covered by the program discount. Of course, Compaq service and support, through our extensive national network of Certified Education Partners (CEPs), makes this program even better. And when you combine all this with the Compaq 3-year, on-site, limited warranty* for Communication Servers and Netelligent networking products and 1-year, on-site or carry-in, limited warranty* for routers, you've got a complete solution.

Hungry to get started?

Call Compaq today at **1-800-88 TEACH**. We'll help you put a complete solution of Compaq communications products and services to work for your school. Or, for more specifics on E-rate, check out our Web site at **www.compaq.com/education/erate**. With E-rate assistance for your school and a Compaq Communications Server Solution, communication on the Internet is finally a concept your school can really sink its teeth into.

Other appetizing E-rate Web sites:

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