

REQUIRED SUBSTANTIVE COMPONENTS  
OF THE  
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Schools, school districts, and libraries that want to apply for Schools and Libraries support, commonly referred to as "E-rate," must first prepare a technology plan. Beginning with FY 2011, technology plans are required only for Priority 2 services (Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections). An approved technology plan sets out how information technology and telecommunications infrastructure will be used to achieve educational goals, specific curriculum reforms, or library service improvements.

A technology plan designed to improve education should cover the entire funding year (July 1 to June 30) but not more than three years. The plan must contain the following elements:

**Goals and realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology**

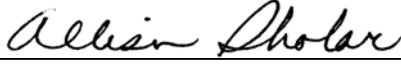
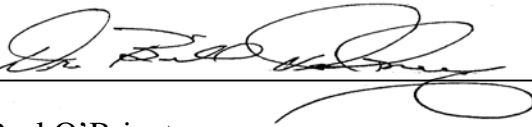
**A professional development strategy**

**An assessment of telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services needed**

**Ongoing evaluation process**

**Policies**

The technology plan must be approved by a USAC-certified technology plan approver before discounted services can begin. The state is the certified technology plan approver for libraries and public schools. [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org), August, 2011.

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