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**Avoyelles Parish School District's Technology
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Fiscal Years covered in this basic plan include: 2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017

Both the State of Louisiana – Department of Education – and the United States federal government require Technology Plans for the purposes of technology funding and grants. School districts and charter schools who wish to remain eligible for federal technology funding, such as the federal E-rate discount program and federal technology grant initiatives, must develop their next technology plan to cover July 1, 2014 – July 1, 2017. Completion of this 2014-2017 Technology Plan and submission to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) for approval will maintain the LEA's eligibility for state and federal programs for 2014-2017.

Plan Development

Technology planning should be an integral part of the strategic planning process of LEAs; therefore, LDOE has compiled the following form to assist with the technology planning and writing process.

Plan Requirements

The following requirements are imposed by the federal E-rate program and must be met for technology plans submitted for E-rate program eligibility:

1. The plan must establish clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education services.
2. The plan must include a professional development strategy to ensure that staff knows how to use these new technologies to improve education services.
3. The plan must include an assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services.
4. The plan must include an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.
5. School districts and charter schools receiving E-rate discounts on Internet access must be in compliance with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). CIPA requires a school district to have an Internet Safety/Acceptable Use Policy in place that has had at least one public hearing.
6. School districts and charter schools receiving E-rate discounts on Internet access must filter Internet access in order to prevent students from accessing material that may be pornographic or otherwise harmful to them.
7. Plans need to include any E-rate eligible services for which a school district is seeking E-rate discounts.
8. The plan must be written and have a date of creation that pre-dates any E-rate Form 470s filed for services for the specific E-rate program year. The technology plan must also cover the entire E-rate program year.

To read more about the E-Rate Program, please click [here](#).

Plan Submission and Review

The 2014-17 Technology Plan must be submitted before June 10, 2014, if you need your plan to be approved for the 2014-15 E-Rate year. Remember, the initial creation date for your technology plan must be written before any Form 470s are filed unless your current technology plan covers any portion of the 2014-15 funding year. *Note most Louisiana district's plans are currently approved through July 1, 2014.*

LDOE will review and approve 2014-2017 Technology Plans as they are received. Approval letters will be sent to LEAs as soon as they are approved.

The 2014-17 Technology Plan template that follows will be reviewed to determine if the LEA has made a good faith effort to address the essential components required for E-rate program eligibility. The LEA may be contacted for specific clarifications, as needed.

Please type information directly into the template, as indicated.