



Carl Sandburg College

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EDUNET NEWS

EDUNET, a broadband wireless wide area communication network designed for the purpose of transmitting/receiving data, Internet, audio, and video traffic. EDUNET is owned and operated by Carl Sandburg College in partnership with the K-12 school districts within the CSC district.

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

In this issue we begin publishing *More EDUNET FAQs* and embark on a review of E-Rate. As you know, the latter is complicated and confusing. Please view the information contained in this newsletter as informational only. All E-Rate actions should be fully researched by trained and trusted staff.

If you have not already done so, please let me know if you have administrators and/or technology coordinators that you would like to receive this little report. Be sure to include their e-mail addresses. Forward ho!

BILLING INFORMATION

CSC won't begin billing until member districts begin receiving service. For most, this means the first bill will arrive after September 1. Bills will be sent on a quarterly basis.

DESIGN AND LOGISTICS UPDATE

At the August 9 meeting, Alan Derbyshire announced that Phase One was completed and that with a few exceptions everything is on schedule to provide service for our participating districts.

He also reported that the peering point for the south end of the CSC region is located at WIU. The peering point for the northern end of the CSC region is located in Abingdon.

Alan noted that DerbyTech continues to work with various city councils to get permission to put up antennas to complete the backbone of the system. In most cases he has been warmly received. Where he has found resistance, he has moved to plan B. The goal is to have the system wholly redundant to ensure uninterrupted service for our member districts. We all deeply appreciate the help superintendents have

given us when working with the various municipalities. You've been great!

The next monthly meeting of the design and logistics team is set for **9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 13**, in the Carl Sandburg College Board Room (Building E). All participating and prospective superintendents are welcome to attend and/or to send their technology staff. This is a great time to network with other districts.

DUAL CREDIT AND COURSE SHARING MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED; ALSO AN EDUNET APPLICATIONS WORKSHOP

I will schedule a meeting early this fall to talk about dual credit opportunities for high schools through CSC and to provide a forum for superintendents and high school principals to talk together about ways they can share teachers and courses among themselves over the EDUNET system.

In addition, later this fall CSC will host an overview of applications that can be utilized over the EDUNET system. Please watch for announcements about these meetings.

MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Who do I call with technical questions regarding integrating the EDUNET wireless system to my district's internal network?

A. Partner districts may call the DerbyTech staff member assigned with this responsibility, Anders Johnson. (309-755-2662, ext. 209).

Q. What's in it for Carl Sandburg College?

A. CSC realizes that its K-12 feeder districts are going through some tough times financially. While K-12 and four-year universities have received less

than they need from the State the past few years, the community college system has avoided the same trauma. CSC is in a position to help and understands that it helps itself when it helps its feeder districts. EDUNET helps tie the feeder schools to CSC and allows high school students to better utilize distance learning and online courses offered through both CSC and WIU.

Q. Won't districts lose its E-Rate income by joining?

A. CSC has received a SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) and FCC Registration number (FRN) and is now an official E-Rate Service Provider.

RICARDO TOSTADO JOINS EDUNET

CSC is excited to announce that the premier Illinois expert on E-Rate has agreed to serve as a consultant for CSC to assist EDUNET partner districts with their E-Rate questions. Superintendents are encouraged to have their staff submit their EDUNET related E-Rate questions to Jim Rich, who will forward them to Ricardo. In addition, it might be possible for member districts to set up conference calls with Ricardo through Jim.

AREA III LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTER WORKSHOPS

Scott Delawder of Area III Learning Technology Center will begin his annual series of workshops on E-Rate this fall. He will begin with a review of Form 470. We will advertise Scott's workshops in this newsletter. We encourage you and/or your representative to attend.

SCHEDULING VIDEO CONFERENCING USE

In order to schedule events and track usage on the Area III Learning Technology Center's videoconference server, all users (K-12 districts, higher education, ROE offices and other users) will be asked to complete a ***Request to Utilize Videoconference Server*** form. The short request form will be available August 29 at the Area III Learning Technology Center's web site (<http://www.lth3.k12.io.us>). The form will ask for contact information as well as dates and times for videoconference server usage, which includes meetings, classes, workshops, etc. This information will help ensure that no one will be short access when hosting events. Watch for an announcement soon from Cindy Hamblin, Director.

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FORM 470

Note: Whether you are currently an EDUNET partner or are planning to join next year, it is time to begin preparing your 470 E-Rate form. Scott Delawder of Area III Learning Technology Center will begin his annual series of workshops on E-Rate this fall. He will begin with a review of Form 470. We will advertise Scott's workshops in this newsletter. We encourage you and/or your representative to attend these.

E-RATE TIME TABLE

Found at <http://www.sl.universal.org/applicants/duedates.asp>

Funding Year

July 1 through the following June 30 (non-recurring services through the following September 30)

Form 470

Posted at least 28 days before the filing of the Form 471, keeping in mind (1) the timeframe for compliance with all competitive bidding requirements and (2) the Form 471 application filing window opening and closing dates

Form 471 window

Early November to early February preceding the start of the Funding Year (exact dates for each funding year will be posted on our web site)

Form 471

Received or postmarked no later than 11:59 PM EST on the day of the close of the Form 471 application filing window (exact date will be posted on our web site)

Form 486

Received or postmarked no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter or 120 days after the Service Start Date, whichever is later

Form 472 / Form 474

Received or postmarked no later than 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter or 120 days after the last date to receive service, whichever is later

Appeals

Received or postmarked no later than 60 days after the date of the SLD decision letter

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