

Questions Log: Form 471

Q: does splitting the 471s into different priorities speed up the approval process

A: Yes. The Priority 1 would be held up if you have it on the same Form 471 as your Priority 2.

Q: Our district includes Headstart do we include then in student #?

A: If HEADSTART is part of a public school district in Texas it should be eligible. Thus, you should include these students. Please see info on USAC website in Step 1, click the link on the right hand menu "Non-traditional Elementary and Secondary Education".

Q: Clarification--for the # of students eligible for NSLP, you count both the students eligible for free lunch AND those eligible for reduced lunch price. Correct?

A: Correct. It is the number of students eligible for both Free and Reduced Lunches combined.

Q: For all NIF's the non-discount matrix block should be checked?

A: Yes, they get the district's weighted average discount. See page 288 of the Year 12 E-Rate manual, Item 9, Column 7, as this is explained in the "Instructions for completing the...FCC Form 471."

Q: If you are building a new facility for a campus that will cross a public access will you need an additional NCES Code for that campus?

A: All schools will have an NCES number. That needs to be included in the Form 471, Block 4.

Q: We have a small number of Early Childhood students. These are three-year-olds with disabilities. Are these students eligible for E-Rate?

A: For a student to be eligible to be included in your E-Rate services you'll need to go to Texas Education Code to see if they qualify as an elementary student.

Q: What if you are changing a SPIN number in FY 09-10 and the vendor is from DIR contract. I did not check box 15. The vendor sent the quote and later they completed the contract with DIR after 471 were submitted

A: Hard question to answer without more details. Read the Section on Operational SPIN changes and this will give you the answer you're looking for hopefully.

Q: Block 5 Item 21 If I install a router that is shared by more the one school, how does this affect the 2 years out of 5 years? What if one school does has used their 2 years already.

A: Internal Connections (Priority 2) has the 2 in 5 rule. If one school has used P2, that school cannot be included in this project. You might consider cost allocating out the part that the ineligible location would use.

Q: We have 2 buildings that are separated by a parking lot. One building is a 9th grade campus. The other building has 3 alternative programs, the students in the programs are enrolled at one of our high schools. Would we utilize one entity number for these 2 buildings?

A: If I understand the question, I think if serves more than one set of students; in my opinion need its own entity number.

Q: Can you go over #22 again - not clear on "extra worksheets".

A: Use extra worksheets to show which schools are sharing any service/equipment. This will leave schools not sharing this service/equipment to use their 2 in 5 at another time.

Q: Is a contract needed for a MTM telco service?

A: No, but some service providers may want you to sign a contract.

Q: i have 4 campuses, also 4 building non-instructional (special ed, operations, field house, and administration, but, each is on the same property of a campus (meaning no public access road divides them) do I need 8 entity numbers?

A: Yes, you do. in other words if serve different populations need four entity numbers. even if have one address in my experience better to have entity for the different age groups. helps with the NSLP figures.

Q: when is the appropriate time to do a service substitution for a priority one service? i.e. from a T-1 to a fiber optic circuit. ASAP? After receipt of an FCDL?

A: They will not do anything for you until you receive an FCDL. If you contact CSB before PIA starts reviewing your application, they may be able to change this for you. Use open-ended phrases in your 470.

Q: the question about the 4 campuses and 4 non-instructional buildings, I meant to ask if I need an entity number for the non-instructional buildings.

A: Every NIF needs an entity number.