

# E-Rate 2026-2027 Request for Proposal Category 1 and Category 2 Services

The Hopatcong Borough Schools is seeking proposals for Category 1 Self Provisioned Network service and Category 2 Cabling service under the E-Rate program for funding year 2026-2027.

## General Guidelines for Submission

- This E-Rate Request for Proposal is not a NJ Competitive Bidding Request for Proposal.
- Proposals should adhere to local, state, and federal E-Rate guidelines and regulations.
- Vendors are required to submit a valid NJ Business Registration Certificate and a valid E-Rate SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) with their proposal in order to comply with school purchasing requirements.
- In the event of questions during the E-Rate review process, the vendor is requested to reply within three days regarding their associated proposal.
- Questions and proposals received that are intentionally vague or do not specifically address the requests made in this RFP will not be considered.
- Proposals will be evaluated by the Hopatcong Borough Schools Technology Office in conjunction with school administration and facilities department. Determinations will be based on cost, ability to interoperate with current solutions in place, timeline, and vendor qualifications. The Hopatcong Borough Schools reserves the right to deny any or all proposals associated with the E-Rate Request for Proposals, regardless of E-Rate determination status.

## Submission and Contact Information

Any vendor responding to this E-Rate Request for Proposal should submit their proposal and questions to:

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## Timeline for Responses

Vendors interested in responding to this E-Rate Request for Proposal must submit their proposals by March 23, 2026.

## Category 1 Services Requested

The Hopatcong Borough Schools is seeking proposals for the following self provisioned network service as part of their E-Rate Services Requested.

### Self-provisioned broadband network

The Hopatcong Borough Schools is looking to upgrade its existing fiber network to both the High School and the Middle School.

The proposed solution must include:

- A minimum of two isolated links (i.e. two pairs of fibers; can be bundled within a single cable) that each support a minimum of 25Gb/s between the District Offices (2 Windsor Ave, Hopatcong, NJ) and the Hopatcong High School (2A Windsor Ave, Hopatcong, NJ). Connections must be capable of being Link Aggregated.
- A minimum of two isolated links (i.e. two pairs of fibers; can be bundled within a single cable) that each support a minimum of 25Gb/s between the District Offices (2 Windsor Ave, Hopatcong, NJ) and the Hopatcong Middle School (1 David Rd, Hopatcong, NJ). Connections must be capable of being Link Aggregated. Any cabling (if applicable) traveling down the Middle School Access Road (located entirely on school property) must be trenched in conduit with appropriately spaced handholes to allow cable pulling, splicing, and maintenance access.
- Work taking place at the Hopatcong High School must be performed outside of a roof construction project occurring from June 15 through August 21, 2026 between 7am and 5pm.



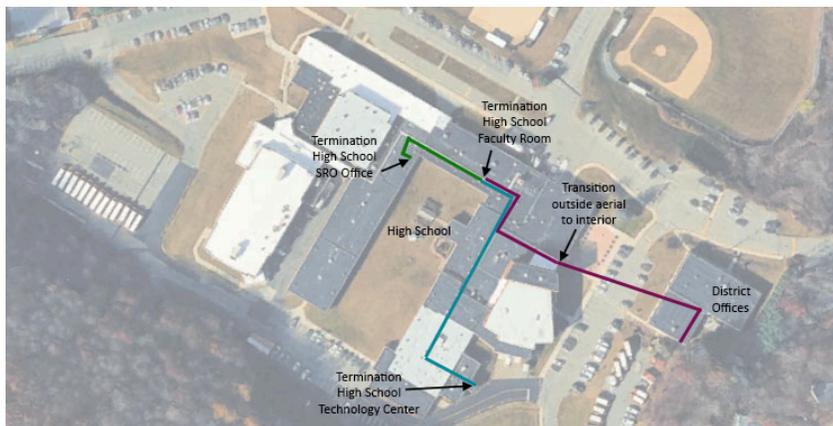
For the full image, see Figure A.

## Category 2 Services Requested

The Hopatcong Borough Schools is seeking proposals for the following cabling services to interconnect three network closets located in the Hopatcong High School at 2A Windsor Ave, Hopatcong, NJ.

The proposed solution must include:

- A minimum of three pairs of single mode fiber to run indoors between the Faculty Room MDF and the SRO Office IDF, approximately 350ft. Terminations must use LC jacks in a wall mounted fiber termination box. Fiber must be able to support a minimum of 25Gb/s per pair.
- A minimum of three pairs of single mode fiber to run indoors between the Faculty Room MDF and the Technology Center IDF, approximately 425ft. Terminations must use LC jacks in a wall mounted fiber termination box. Fiber must be able to support a minimum of 25Gb/s per pair.
- Work taking place at the Hopatcong High School must be performed outside of a roof construction project occurring from June 15 through August 21, 2026 between 7am and 5pm.



For the full image, see Figure B.



Termination  
Middle School  
Faculty Room

Transition  
trenched  
up side of building  
to interior

Middle School  
Access Road

Transition  
outside aerial  
to trench

Transition  
interior to  
outside aerial

High School

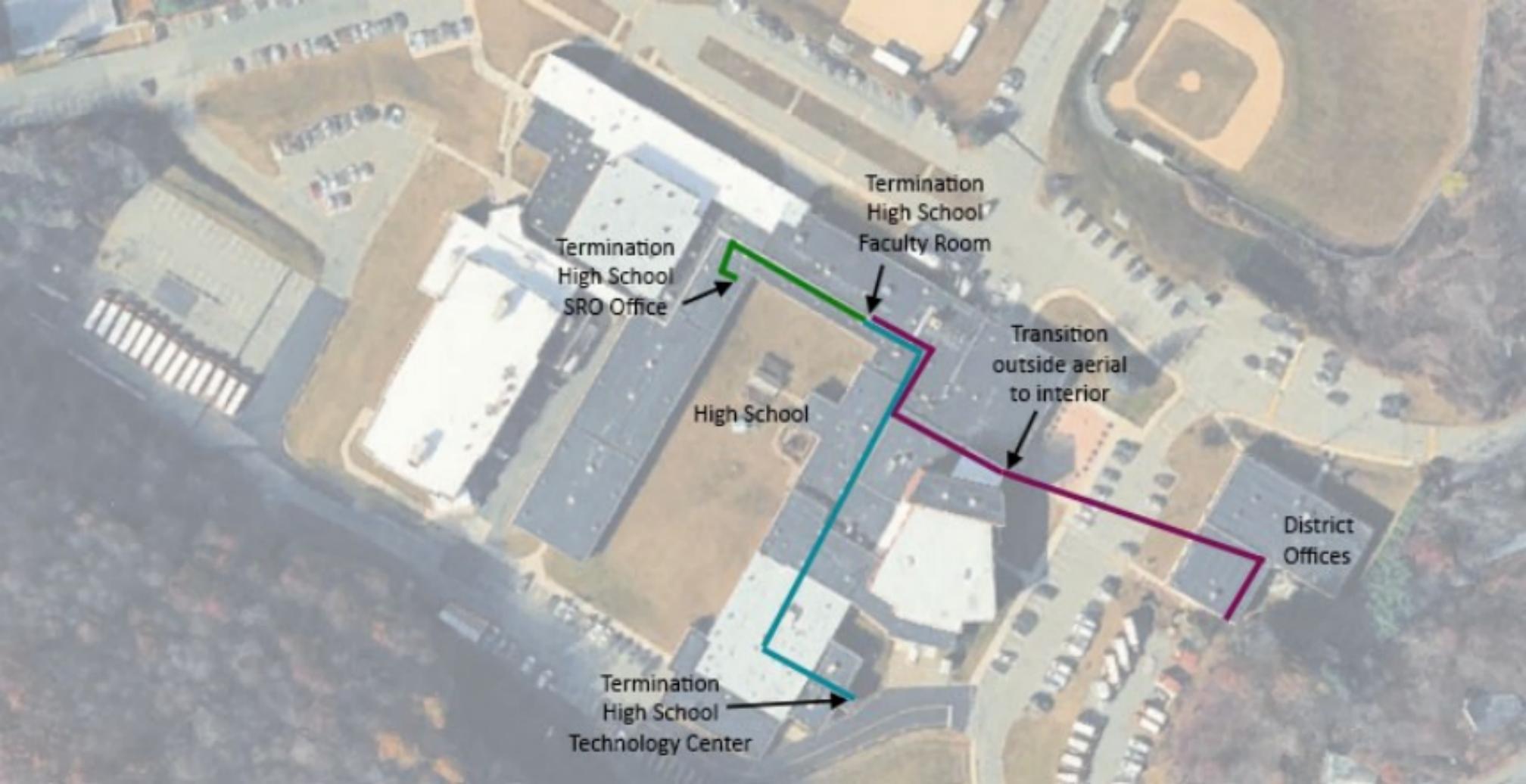
Termination  
High School  
Faculty Room

Transition  
outside aerial  
to interior

District  
Offices

Transition  
interior to  
outside aerial

Termination  
Technology  
Office Server Room



Termination High School SRO Office

Termination High School Faculty Room

Transition outside aerial to interior

District Offices

High School

Termination High School Technology Center