

# Managing Entities

*E-rate 2022 Handbook*

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North Carolina Department of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

# Manage Entities:

- Names
- Addresses
- Urban/Rural
- Latitude/Longitude
- Phone
- Student Counts
- NSLP/CEP

*Complete this task BEFORE  
beginning a Form 471.*

# Accessing the EPC Portal and Updating Entities

# Accessing EPC

<https://portal.usac.org>

**EBB Program providers, EPC users and BEAR Form filers: If this is your first time logging in to One Portal, please read this information carefully.**

USAC has added multifactor authentication (MFA) to increase the security of our Universal Service Fund (USF) IT applications. The first time you sign into an application, the system will prompt you to set up MFA for your account. To do this:

1. Click the blue **Continue** button below.
2. Click the **Forgot Password** link.
3. Enter your Username (your email address) and click **Reset via Email**.
4. When you receive the email, click the link to create a password. Your password must be at least eight characters long and include one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number, and one special character.
5. Accept the system's terms of use and click **Sign In**.
6. On the next page, confirm the email associated with your account and click **Send Email**.
7. Check your email for a verification code.
8. Enter the code and click **Verify**.

After logging in, you will see USAC's new single portal application dashboard if you have access to more than one application. On this page you can access all of the USF applications associated with your log in. This means users no longer have to sign into multiple applications to interact with different USF programs.

From the dashboard, you can go to the "Settings" page to add a cell phone number to your account. This will allow you to receive verification codes via either email or text message when you log in in the future.

To learn more about USAC's MFA and to find a list of all USF IT applications included in the single portal, visit [USAC's website](#). If you cannot access the email associated with your account and need to set up a new log in, please contact your organization's USF administrator. If you need to reset your password, click the "forgot password" link. More detailed instructions are available in [this video](#).

**Continue**

**Click on Continue to access the EPC Login Screen**

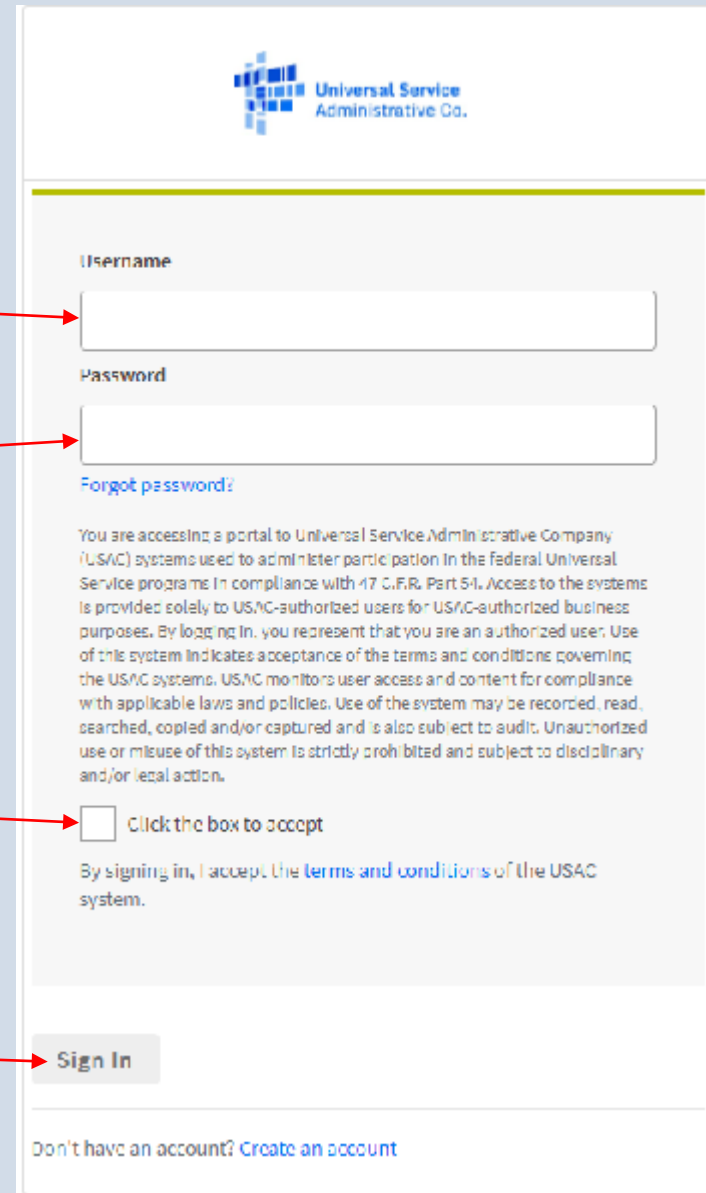
# Accessing EPC

- Enter your Username

- Enter your Password

- Click the box to accept the T&Cs

- Click Sign In



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC). At the top right is the USAC logo. Below it are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. A blue link 'Forgot password?' is located below the password field. A large block of text contains the terms and conditions, followed by a checkbox and the text 'Click the box to accept'. Below this is a sentence: 'By signing in, I accept the terms and conditions of the USAC system.' At the bottom of the form is a 'Sign In' button. Below the button is a link: 'Don't have an account? Create an account'. Red arrows from the text on the left point to the Username field, Password field, the checkbox, and the Sign In button.

# Sample Login Screen



Username

ad\_aa\_400101@textmail.usac.org

Password

\*\*\*\*\*

[Forgot password?](#)

You are accessing a portal to Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) systems used to administer participation in the federal Universal Service programs in compliance with 47 C.F.R. Part 54. Access to the systems is provided solely to USAC-authorized users for USAC-authorized business purposes. By logging in, you represent that you are an authorized user. Use of this system indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the USAC systems. USAC monitors user access and content for compliance with applicable laws and policies. Use of the system may be recorded, read, searched, copied and/or captured and is also subject to audit. Unauthorized use or misuse of this system is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.



Click the box to accept

By signing in, I accept the [terms and conditions](#) of the USAC system.

Sign In

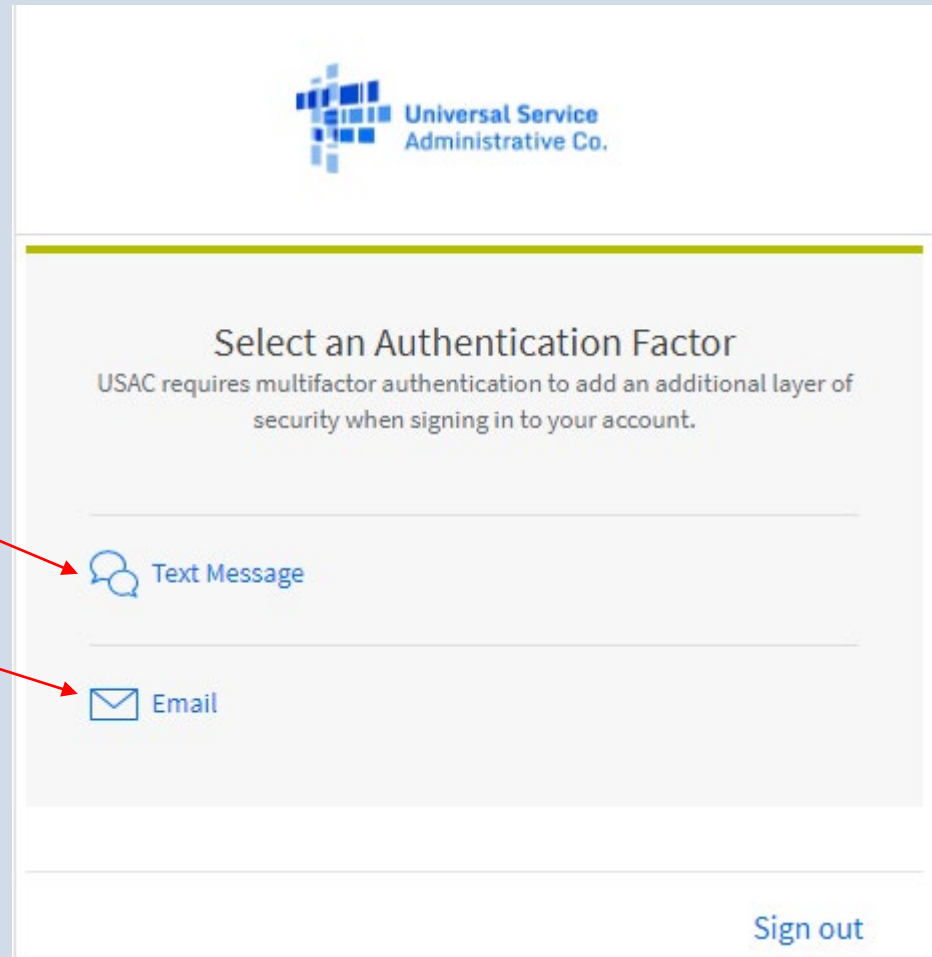
Don't have an account? [Create an account](#)

# Multifactor Authentication (MFA)

When you created your user account, you entered one or two methods for USAC to confirm your identity

- A telephone number for text messaging
- An email address for email messaging

Select the method you prefer USAC to use to send your verification code



The screenshot shows the USAC login interface. At the top is the USAC logo and the text "Universal Service Administrative Co.". Below this is a green horizontal line. The main heading is "Select an Authentication Factor". Underneath, it says "USAC requires multifactor authentication to add an additional layer of security when signing in to your account." There are two radio button options: "Text Message" (with a speech bubble icon) and "Email" (with an envelope icon). A "Sign out" link is located at the bottom right of the form area. Two red arrows from the text on the left point to the "Text Message" and "Email" options.



# Confirm Contact Information

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Receive a passcode via text message  
USAC requires multifactor authentication to add an additional layer of security when signing in to your account.

Phone number

[Send Passcode](#)

[Sign out](#)

If you chose a text message confirm the TN information provided and click Send Passcode

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Email Authentication  
USAC requires multifactor authentication to add an additional layer of security when signing in to your account.

Email Address

[Send Email](#)

[Sign out](#)

If you chose an email message confirm the email address provided and click Send Email

# MFA, cont.



## Receive a passcode via text message

USAC requires multifactor authentication to add an additional layer of security when signing in to your account.



Passcode has been sent to the following phone number!

Phone number

+1 XXX-XXX-1671

Enter passcode

123456

[Re-send Passcode](#)

Verify

[Sign out](#)

Enter the passcode  
sent to you

Click Verify

# Your Dashboard

## Dashboard

In accordance with the Supply Chain orders, new certifications have been added to the following forms: RHC - FCC Form 463 and the Telecom invoice, E-rate - FCC Form 473, and High Cost & Lifeline - FCC Form 481. Service providers are required to submit these annual certifications. For additional information, visit the [USAC Supply Chain](#) page.

### Upcoming Dates

No upcoming dates found.

### Schools and Libraries

**E-rate Productivity Center (EPC)** - E-rate Program participants use the E-rate Productivity Center to manage program processes, receive notifications and to contact customer service.

**FCC Form 472 (DEAR)** - Applicants file an FCC Form 472 (Dilled Entity Applicant Reimbursement (DEAR) Form) to request reimbursement from USAC for the discount amount of the eligible products or services that the applicant has received and paid for in full.

**Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)** - Emergency Connectivity Fund participants use the ECF Portal to submit applications for reimbursement and review notifications regarding their program activities.

### Help?

Send us a message  
[Click here](#)

Call us  
(888) 641-8722

To access your location's E-rate home page click on the top grey box

The other options will be covered in other training sessions.

# My Landing Page

Click on **USAC icon** at any time to return to Landing Page.

My Landing Page

Training  
Universal Service Administrative Co.

Welcome, School District 10806!

**Notifications**

Notification Type *Please select a value*

Funding Year *-- Select a Funding Year --*

Notification	Description	Issued Date
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Funding Form 50 Manage

Click on the name of your district or school after Welcome !

# Discount Rate

Click on “Discount Rate”. You must update the profile of each school each year so the most recent year’s discount rate will display.

Records / Applicant Entities

## #10038 - School District 10806

CREATE A NEW USER   ADD OR REMOVE EXISTING USERS   MANAGE USER PERMISSIONS   ...

Summary   Customer Service   Modifications   Additional Information   **Discount Rate**   Contracts   FCC Forms   FRN Appeals   News   Related Actions

## Requested Discount Rate - School District 10806 (BEN: 10038) - FY2018

More than 50 percent of your individual schools must be rural for the school district to be considered rural.

This discount rate has not been approved for the current year

School District Full-time Enrollment	School District NSLP Count	School District NSLP Percent	School District Urban/Rural Status	Category One Discount Rate	Category Two Discount Rate	Voice Discount Rate
5	4	80%	Rural	90%	85%	10%

# Discount Rate

The information in your organization's profile is not sufficient to calculate your Discount Rate.

More than 50 percent of your individual schools must be rural for the school district to be considered rural.

This discount rate has not been approved for the current year

School District Full-time Enrollment	School District NSLP Count	School District NSLP Percent	School District Urban/Rural Status	Category One Discount Rate	Category Two Discount Rate	Voice Discount Rate
2174	310	14%				

Show Entities

View indicates profile is missing needed information.

# Updating Entity Profiles

From the Landing Page, under the “My Entities” section, click on the entity name to update profile.

**My Applicant Landing Page**

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Welcome, [School District 400183!](#)

**Pending Inquiries**

Type:

Funding Year:

Application/Request:

Pending COMAD Inquiries are not included.

Application/Request Number	Type	Nickname	Inquiry Name	Outreach Type	Date Sent	Due Date	↑	Extn.	Status
No items available									

**Notifications**

Notification Type:

Funding Year:

Status:  All  
 Generated  
 Not Generated

Notification	Description	Issued Date	Generated By	Generated On
No items available				

**My Entities**

Entity	Entity Number	City	State	Zip Code
<a href="#">School District 400183</a>	17391	Washington	DC	20005
<a href="#">Dakota Ave School</a>	18255	DC	DC	20005
<a href="#">Maple Ave School</a>	18256	DC	DC	20005

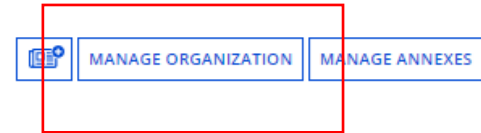
**\*You Must Update Each Entity in Your Profile!**



# Updating Entity Profile

Records / Applicant Entities

## #18255 - Dakota Ave School



**Summary** Additional Information Category Two Budget Contracts FCC Forms News Related Actions

### Organization Details

**Name** Dakota Ave School  
**Entity Number** 18255  
**FCC Registration Number** 0123456789

**Applicant Type** School  
**Status** Active

### Contact Information

**Physical Address** 700 12th St NW #900  
DC, DC 20005

**Phone Number** 123-456-7890  
**Email** a2-is-ed-100183@statepi.nc.gov

Click on "Manage Organization" to update information

# Modify an Organization

## #18255 - Dakota Ave School

- Summary
- Additional Information
- Category Two Budget
- Contracts
- FCC Forms
- News
- Related Actions

### Modify An Organization

Name \*

Organization Type

Applicant

#### Physical Address

Address Line 1 \*

Address Line 2

City \*

State \*

Verify information.  
Correct, if needed.

Required fields are  
indicated by \*

Zip Code \*

Zip Code Extension

Click the button below to get standard USPS address

County \*

Please ensure that the address, city, state, and zip code are correct

# Address

## Physical Address

Address Line 1 \*

700 12th St NW #900

Address Line 2

City \*

DC

State \*

DC

Zip Code \*

20005

Zip Code Extension

Click the button below to get standard USPS address

County \*

District Of Columbia

Please ensure that the address, city, state, and zip code are correct

VERIFY MY ADDRESS

To compute the correct latitude and longitude, click once in the Address Line 1. Press the space bar once, and then click into the Address Line 2. Watch the “Verify My Address” button light up.

# Verify My Address

## Physical Address

Address Line 1 \*

700 12TH ST NW STE 900

Address Line 2

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City \*

WASHINGTON

State \*

DC

Zip Code \*

20005

Zip Code Extension

3948

Click the button below to get standard USPS

County \*

Please select a County

Please ensure that the address, city, state, and zip code are correct.

**VERIFY MY ADDRESS**

The system will respond with "Use Recommended Address" Select Yes

## Recommended Address

700 12TH ST NW STE 900  
WASHINGTON  
DC 20005-3948

Use Recommended Address ⓘ

Yes

No

# Urban/Rural Updated

The system will determine this location's Latitude/Longitude and Urban/Rural Status on your behalf.

## Latitude / Longitude

User-entered Latitude ?

User-entered Longitude ?

## Urban/Rural

User Entered Urban/Rural Status

Rural

Urban

# Update as needed...

Mailing address is the same as physical address.

## Address Line 1

700 12TH ST NW STE 900

## Address Line 2

## City

WASHINGTON

## State

DC

## Zip Code

20005

## Zip Code Extension

3948

## County

District Of Columbia

## Other Methods of Contact

### Phone Number \*

123-456-7890

Ex. 000-000-0000

### Phone Number Extension

### Email

s2\_in\_sd\_400183@testmail.usac.org

### Website URL

# Update as needed...cont.

## School Information

### School Sub-Type \*

- Public School
- Private School

### Check All That Apply [Show Help](#)

- Pre-K
- Head Start
- Adult Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Dormitory
- Charter School
- Tribal School

### Is this school part of a school district?

Yes

- New Construction School
- Swing Space
- Detention Center
- General-Use School
- ESA School
- BIE

# Change yearly upon receipt of SVF

Number of Full Time Students \*

150

Total Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) 0 \*

145

Community Eligibility Program (CEP)? \*

Yes

No

Alternative Discount Method \*

None

Indicate if an alternative discount mechanism was used to calculate the number of students eligible for NSLP

Does this organization have an endowment? \*

Yes

No

Enter data according to numbers sent to you by NC.



# School Codes

**State School Code**

**State LEA Code**

**NCES Public State Code**

**NCES Public District Code**

**NCES Public Building Code**

# Category 2 Budget Information

## Category Two (C2) Budget Information

We calculate your Category Two budget and your discount rate separately, and so we collect separate numbers for each. You are allowed to re-use your Category Two student count from year to year within a Category Two budget cycle, so this number needs to be updated less frequently than the student count for your discount rate.

Total Students for C2 Budget \*

The number of students shown in this box may not match the entry above. The reason: This is the number used by USAC to calculate the five year funding cycle budget.

# FCC Registration Number

FCC Registration Number 

0123456789

FCC Registration Number is needed only for your **District Office** or one FCCRN for your charter school.

Need to get a FCCRN? Go to

<https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/simpleSearch.do>

# Organization Modification Nickname

## Organization Modification Nickname

All changes to your organization can be seen on the Modifications page found in the menu on your left under Modifications. Please enter a short description of the modification made in the field below.

Modification Nickname \*

CANCEL

SUBMIT

Enter a nickname or description of the changes made and click on “Submit” to return to the Organization Details page. Repeat process for all schools!