

# How E-Rate Can Enable School Bus Wi-Fi and Enhance Student Safety

In 2024, school bus Wi-Fi is now E-Rate eligible. School districts can use this funding to purchase 5G and LTE cellular routers that support on-board learning and help improve student and driver safety.



## Benefits of wireless edge solutions for K-12 school districts

### Secure Wi-Fi for on-board extended learning

On-board Wi-Fi enables students to use their time on the bus to study and do homework. Centralized management capabilities allow IT teams to monitor and control the network from anywhere.

### Connect enhanced security systems

With Cradlepoint routers bought with E-Rate funding, districts can connect cameras and other devices for real-time monitoring of critical situations. Continuous uploading of video content alleviates congestion challenges related to many buses trying to offload video in depots at the end of shifts.

### Increase driver retention rates

Cellular-connected school buses help improve driver retention rates for multiple reasons. Wi-Fi helps keep students occupied on long commutes with studying and interactive learning. Also, connected video surveillance systems discourage and minimize dangerous activity and vandalism.



**Cradlepoint was by far the easiest solution. One phone call and 5 minutes later the school buses had everything they needed.”**

**Patrick Stalvey**, CTO, South Bend Community School Corporation

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