

**ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGULATION LANGUAGE THAT WILL DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR
ALASKA STATUTE 14.03.127 SCHOOL (BAG) BROADBAND ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING:**

The regulations for this legislation are below, and should provide the guidance you need to determine qualifications.

Please note under Funding calculation (c) that *"A district may not calculate the negotiated capacity of an eligible circuit.... by dividing the total speed of a connection by the number of circuits served by the connection."*

4 AAC 33.620. Funding calculation.

(a) A district is eligible for funding under AS 14.03.127 to increase the amount that the district shall contribute to the cost of Internet service; i.e., the "applicant's share," as a successful applicant in the federal universal service program, so that funding will be sufficient to provide an Internet download speed of at least 10 Mbps for student Internet users in the district.

(b) A district is eligible for a pro rata share of the available funding under AS 14.03.127 based on a calculation that takes into account

- (1) the number of Internet circuits or connections that serve a school in the district that
 - (A) provide Internet access for student users; and
 - (B) operate at an initial negotiated capacity of less than 10 Mbps; and

(2) the applicant's share of the cost of increasing the initial negotiated capacity to 10 Mbps for each circuit or connection under (b)(1).

(c) A district may not calculate the negotiated capacity of an eligible circuit under (b)(1) by dividing the total speed of a connection by the number of circuits served by the connection.

(d) The department shall calculate a district's need under AS 14.03.127 by multiplying the eligible circuits or connections under (b)(1) by the applicant's share of the cost of increasing the initial negotiated capacity under (b)(2) to 10 Mbps for each connection.

(e) The department shall calculate the total need for all eligible applicants under AS 14.03.127 by combining the verified need of all eligible applicants under AS 14.03.127.

(f) An eligible district qualifying for funding under AS 14.03.127 may receive a proportionate share of the total funding need under AS 14.03.127.

(g) The department shall calculate a district's proportionate share as a ratio with a district's need in the numerator and the total funding need for all district applicants under AS 14.03.127 in the denominator. That ratio shall then be applied to the available funding under AS 14.03.127 to determine the funding for which a district is eligible under AS 14.03.127.

4 AAC 33.630. Eligible costs.

A district shall include only monthly, recurring costs for eligible circuits or connections in its calculation of current Internet service cost and the projected cost of increasing the eligible circuit or connection speed to 10 Mbps under 4 AAC 33.605.

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