

Gardner Edgerton USD 231

HSMS Dedicated Internet Access Request for Proposals

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Gardner Edgerton USD 231 requests proposals for dedicated Internet access delivered to one of the two locations below. The district will select one service location and one provider. Bidders may quote either or both locations and must identify the location priced in each option.

Service Locations

Option	Service handoff address
Gardner Edgerton High School	425 N. Waverly Road, Gardner, KS 66030
Trail Ridge Middle School	495 E. Grand Street, Gardner, KS 66030

Service Requirements

Provide dedicated Internet access (DIA) and describe the handoff, transport, service level commitments, installation requirements, and delivery schedule. Service should begin December 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as possible. Vendors must state the earliest firm service availability date for each location proposed.

Quote separate monthly recurring and nonrecurring prices for 5 Gbps, and 10 Gbps at each location with options to upgrade bandwidth during the term of the contract. Vendors should explain how the district can increase bandwidth during the contract without a major infrastructure replacement and disclose any resulting charges or lead times.

The district has an ARIN assigned /24. The provider must permit the district to advertise its address space via BGP. State the BGP peering and routing requirements and any associated charges.

Contact Term

Quotes should include initial terms of 1, 3, and 5 years, with up to five optional one-year renewals. The initial partial term may begin December 1, 2026, or upon actual service activation. The district is aware that any services delivered before July 1, 2027 will not be E-Rate eligible. District requests that initial terms and renewals expire on June 30, aligned with the E-Rate funding year; describe any shortened first term or prorated charges needed to achieve that alignment. No renewal is automatic unless expressly accepted by the district in writing.

Questions and Proposal Submission

Submit all questions electronically to both Andy Price at price@usd231.com and Eddie Holt at eddieholt@eratesolutions.com by October 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Submit bids electronically to both contacts by October 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Include: Gardner-Edgerton HSMS DIA December 2026 - Form #270001196" in the subject line of all communications. The district may post responses to substantive questions with the FCC Form 470 materials, so all bidders receive the same information.

Bid Content and E-Rate Requirements

Identify the proposed location, bandwidth, term, installation timeline, total recurring and nonrecurring charges, and any taxes, fees, construction costs, or other charges for each option. Identify and separately price every E-Rate ineligible component or cost, including any cost allocation for a bundled offering.

Alternative bids are welcome. For each alternative, clearly describe and price every difference from the base requirements, including service technology, bandwidth, handoff, installation, routing, service levels, term, and any exception to these specifications.

All bidders must comply with applicable E-Rate program rules and maintain an active Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN). State the SPIN in the proposal and identify any subcontractor or other entity furnishing the service. The selected provider must complete applicable annual program certifications

Any SPAM or Robo Bids that do not explicitly quote the indicated services will be disqualified.

All cost proposals must reflect the LCP (Lowest Corresponding Price), GSA pricing, and any available governmental unit discounts.

By submitting a bid, the vendor certifies that equipment and services are compliant with FCC's recent Order (FCC 19-121) prohibiting the sale, provision, maintenance, modification, or other support of equipment or services provided or manufactured by Huawei, ZTE or any other "covered company" deemed a national security threat.

All bidders must agree to provide SPI billing: FCC Form 474, (Service Provider Invoice).