

Transylvania County Schools
ATTN: Blake Tesnow
E-Rate Form 470/RFP

Bids are due by Friday, November 6th, 2026 at 12:00PM Noon EST.

We are seeking bids for the listed speeds below to distribute the MCNC/NCREN-provided Internet circuit connected at: **Transylvania County Schools: 225 Rosenwald Ln, Brevard, NC 28712** to eligible entities. TCS will work with the winning vendor to determine initial bandwidth speed and price based on the table below. Alternate pricing (up or down) during the term of the contract will be based on the speed and vendor's price below.

Site Name	Address	Option 1	Option 2
Morris Education Center	225 Rosenwald Ln, Brevard, NC 28712	10	20
Brevard High School	609 N. Country Club Rd., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2
Brevard Middle School	400 Fisher Rd., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2
Brevard Elementary School	399 Greenville Hwy., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2
Pisgah Forest Elementary School	1076 Ecusta Rd., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2
Davidson River School	970 Ecusta Rd., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2
Rosman Middle/High School	749 Pickens Hwy., Rosman, NC 28772	1	2
Rosman Elementary School	167 Rosman School Rd., Rosman, NC 28772	1	2
TC Henderson Elementary School	1839 Rosman Hwy., Lake Toxaway, NC 28747	1	2
Plant Operations & Bus Garage	749 Country Club Rd., Brevard, NC 28712	1	2

We will consider offers for a leased lit fiber solution provided over a third-party network. However, proposals for solutions of all modes of transport that meet the requested scope of service requirements will be evaluated.

The contract start date will commence on July 1, 2027.

We are seeking pricing for the two term options below. Transylvania County Schools will ultimately only choose one of the term lengths, pending an evaluation of all bids and pricing. If pricing differs between the two contract lengths below, vendors should clearly differentiate on their entity pricing response(s) the corresponding term and pricing for each.

- A five (5) year initial contract term with 5 voluntary extensions of one (1) year each
- A ten (10) year contract term with no voluntary extensions

Qualifications (subject to bid disqualification if not met):

1. SPI/BEAR billing election (applicant's discretion) for up to the entirety of contract term.
2. Vendor must have current SPIN and annual SPAC.
3. Contract and billing dates reflect the E-Rate Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30).
If connection is not active by July 1, service provider shall agree to pay 100% of applicant's costs to maintain a connection until the contracted connection is active.
4. Allow change in bandwidth speed with associated cost difference without penalty.
5. Ability to edit, add, or remove sites as needed without penalty.
6. Details of any additional and/or ineligible costs associated with the bid.
7. Breakdown of the estimated taxes, USF, and all other fees associated with the bid.
8. Vendors must be able to service the fiber link between 7:30AM-4:30PM EST
9. Documented uptime of fiber network and vendor presence in local community.

Vendor questions may be submitted to:

Blake Tesnow btesnow@tcsnc.org

- Site visits must be scheduled and completed with Blake Tesnow (btesnow@tcsnc.org) and completed between Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, and Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, by 4:00 PM EST.
- Questions must be submitted prior to Wednesday, October 16, 2026 at 12:00PM Noon EST
- Responses to submitted questions will be posted as addenda to this 470.
- Bids are due by Friday, November 6th, 2026 at 12:00PM Noon EST. Bids must be sealed and 1) mailed or 2) hand delivered to the address below:

**Morris Education Center
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225 Rosenwald Ln,
Brevard, NC 28712**

- Bids will be opened and recorded via an open public meeting on Monday, November 9th, 2026 at 9:00AM.. No e-mailed or late bids will be accepted. Any emailed or late bids will be automatically disqualified.
- Bidders will be informed of contract award as soon as possible after a formal bid evaluation and Board of Education approval.

Bid evaluation criteria includes, but not limited to:

- Addressing all requirements in this RFP. Incomplete bids will be disqualified.
- Price of eligible products and services
- Prior experience
- Ineligible cost factors
- Support and maintenance services