

Request for Proposals



Bremen High School District 228

2027-2028 Internet Access RFP

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Bremen High School District 228 Internet Access – E-Rate RFP

1. Background

- 1.1. Bremen District 228 serves over 4,500 students and employs 613 full- and part-time staff members. Bremen High School, in Midlothian, opened its doors to students in September 1953. Since then, as the suburbs grew, District 228 opened three additional schools. Tinley Park High School opened in 1961; Hillcrest High School, in Country Club Hills, opened in 1967; and Oak Forest High School opened in 1970.

The Board of Education is proud of the quality education that is offered to students who reside in Bremen High School District 228. Many children and grandchildren of our original students are now attending district schools. Additionally, the Board employs many staff members who are alumni of the district.

All who are a part of the Bremen District 228 school community take pride in our school district. When you visit us, physically or via this website, we know you will recognize that pride. The District is comprised of one (1) high school, four (4) middle schools, ten (10) elementary schools, two (2) exceptional schools, and one (1) pre-k center.

- 1.2. The internet access request herein will be procured with or without E-Rate funding.

- 1.2.1. Only vendors with an active Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) number will be considered.

- 1.3. Response Requirements

- 1.3.1. Proposals must be submitted to the District by 3:00 pm CST, Friday, November 20th, 2026.

1.3.2. Proposals must be submitted to:

Dr. Jim Boswell
Director of Operations and Technology
Bremen High School District 228
17101 71st Ave
Tinley Park, IL 60477

1.3.3. Responders must supply one (1) original copy, one (1) printed copies, and one electronic copy of the response.

1.3.4. All prices should be F.O.B.

1.3.5. All envelopes MUST be sealed and marked: "Internet Access E-Rate Procurement RFP".

1.3.6. Pricing must be provided in a separate, sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Internet Access E-Rate Procurement RFP".

1.3.7. RFPS MAY NOT BE FAXED.

1.4. Questions on this procurement should be directed, in writing, via e-mail to:

Dr. Jim Boswell
jboswell@bhsd228.com

The schedule for this procurement is as follows in *Table 1 – RFP Schedule*.

Table 1 – RFP Schedule

Selection Process Step	Estimated Date(s)
Issue of 470 & Release of the <i>Request for Proposals</i> (RFP)	October 20th, 2026
Final Date for Vendors to Submit Questions	November 6th, 2026
Date for Publishing Answers to Vendors' Questions	November 13th, 2026
Proposals Due	November 20th, 2026
Final Vendor Selection/Estimated Approval	December 4th, 2026
Implementation Start	July 1st, 2027

2. Procurement Information

- 2.1. Our district needs internet transport and data provided to 6111 175th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477 inside of Tinley Park High School.
- 2.2. Minimum bandwidth needs, 10 Gbps
- 2.3. We would like all responses to include incremental 5 Gbps up to 20 Gbps.
- 2.4. We would like to see options of 3- and 5-year contracts.
- 2.5. We require 128 (/25) IP addresses but prefer 256 (/24) IP addresses.
- 2.6. We would like to see optional costs of DDOS protection.

3. Evaluation Criteria

- 3.1. All proposals will be evaluated using the following general evaluation Criteria:

Table 3.1 – Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Percentage
Price	50%
Completeness and Accuracy of Proposal	30%
References and Experience	20%

- 3.2. The evaluation process will consist of review and evaluation of proposals received by a team consisting of District personnel and consultants.
- 3.3. Such criteria is to be used as a guideline only and shall not operate as a waiver of the Owner's right to choose the proposal it deems to be in the Owner's best interests. The Owner reserves the right to adjust its evaluation criteria as it deems fit at any time.

4. Additional Capabilities / Feature Descriptions

Please describe any features or capabilities not delineated above that would be useful for understanding and evaluation. Note any items that have extra costs associated with them.

5. Reference and Experience

- 5.1. The District seeks Proposers who have been shipping and currently have an installed base of customers with internet access of similar size as stated herein.
- 5.2. Provide at least three (3) references of similar installed systems in the using the table provided below – expanding them as necessary to include all relevant information. The references must be for similar size K-12 or higher education customers with similar environments and end-users.
- 5.3. The District may wish to conduct site visits with one or more of the references provided below. Be advised, references are a major element of the customer's selection criteria.

Reference (use same format for all references)	
Customer Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact E-mail	
Installation Date of Comparative System	
Description of Comparative System – please be specific and detailed	

6. Proposal

6.1. AUTHORIZATION

6.1.1. Signature of Authorized Company Representative:

6.1.1.1. Name of Authorized Rep. - (Typed): _____

6.1.1.2. Signature: _____

6.1.1.3. Date: _____

6.1.1.4. Employer Identification Number: _____

6.1.1.5. Company Name: _____

6.1.1.6. Street Address: _____

6.1.1.7. City, State, Zip: _____