



Using E-Rate To Purchase Mirage NAC™

E-rate is a federally mandated program that enables schools and libraries across the United States to affordably obtain new technology, with discounts ranging from 20% to 90% of the costs of goods and services E-rate has approved.

MIRAGE PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY

Mirage Networks® product offerings have been named E-rate approved, and may be found within the Data Protection category of Internal Connections, under firewalls, which are listed in the SLD Eligible Services List as follows:

Description: A firewall is a hardware and software combination that sits at the boundary between an organization's network and the outside world, and protects the network against unauthorized access or intrusions.

Eligibility: A firewall is eligible for discount if it provides basic and reasonable security protections to prevent unauthorized access to the information, software, and systems of an applicant's eligible components.

WHY PURCHASE MIRAGE NAC

Mirage NAC™ delivers complete network protection without requiring you to rearchitect your network, replace existing networking equipment, or deploy agents on endpoint devices. Using a flexible and scalable architecture, Mirage NAC protects against day-zero threats and network abuses. The solution can be deployed quickly and easily and begins working immediately.

» purchasing Mirage NAC with E-rate funds

The Mirage NAC N-145 and N-245 appliances, which E-rate classifies as firewalls, are eligible for E-rate funds. The N-245 was previously known as Counterpoint 245 and is referenced accordingly on the E-rate list.

Below is the listing information needed to apply for E-rate funds:

- Service Provider Name - Mirage Networks, Inc.
- Mirage Networks SPIN - 143029861
- Product Name - CounterPoint 245
- Product SKU - MNAP245GT
- Product Description - Firewall appliance to protect interior network from policy violations and malware. Protects up to 2000 endpoints.
- Product Category - Data Protection

CASE STUDY: ROUND ROCK ISD

Mirage NAC safeguards the networks of many educational institutions, including Round Rock ISD. These school districts benefit from the seamless network protection that Mirage NAC offers, without the headaches associated with other network access control solutions.

The Challenge:

Despite firewalls and intrusion detection systems, the school district was unable to stop rapidly propagating threats across a state-of-the-art network serving more than 35,000 students and 4,000 staff members. The IT staff turned to Mirage Networks for help.

The Solution:

The school district implemented Mirage NAC, which immediately stopped threats like Sasser and Welchia from propagating throughout their environment. Additionally, the solution uncovered network abuses arising from incomplete firewall rules and misconfigured PCs.

Benefits:

- Reduced network outages resulting from widespread worm infections
- Saved hundreds of hours of cleanup
- Within 30 minutes of installation, identified unknown holes in firewalls that were fixed immediately to shut out intruders

Testimonial:

"With our small network IT staff, it is essential that we have an automated solution to stop worms that get past perimeter defenses. With the Mirage Networks solution, instead of 200 or 300 systems to clean up, we'll only have the initial infection point, which will remain contained until we have the time to remediate that system." - Dan Scott, Senior Systems Engineer, Round Rock ISD

ABOUT E-RATE

E-rate is more precisely referred to as the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. This discount program is administered through the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This not-for-profit corporation was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure that the benefits of telecommunications services reach students and communities across the country.

E-rate funds three service categories: Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, and Internal Connections. Discounts range from 20% to 90% of the costs of eligible services, depending on the level of need and the urban/rural status of the population served. Eligible schools, school districts and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium.

E-rate is one of four support mechanisms funded through a Universal Service fee charged to companies that provide interstate and/or international telecommunications services.



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Control What's On Your Network.™**

About Mirage Networks

Mirage Networks is an Austin, Texas-based network security company dedicated to delivering real world, complete network access control solutions, serving the enterprise through a strong channel of resellers, original equipment manufacturers and managed security service providers. Mirage solutions ensure a user-friendly and IT-friendly experience that never forces a compromise between business objectives, effectiveness and usability. The company's passion for innovation has paved the way for the development of patent-pending behavioral technology that consistently wins industry awards. Contact us today to learn more about the industry's only self-contained network access control solution.

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