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## We're Going Back To School



*"As we try to improve, we are drawn to the large, dramatic, and splashy programs for change, but we are impacted more by the small and simple changes in our daily routines. We don't change the world through epiphanies, but by doing lots of little things that add up to sustained transformation. Simple things are not always easy to change but by improving one thing at a time, we make progress toward great things." –Dave Ulrich*

### UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!

#### **Career Cruising/IPS - KSDE Roadshow**

Sept 8 Salina  
Sept 11 Hays

#### **Counting Kids Workshop - KSDE**

Sept 14 Salina

#### **Discipline in the Secondary Classroom**

Sept 21 & Nov 17 Salina  
Sept 22 & Nov 14 Hays

#### **Civic Engagement - Don Gifford, KSDE**

Sept 21 Salina

#### **CHAMPS**

Sept 25 & Nov 2 Hays  
Sept 26 & Nov 3 Salina

#### **LETRS Module 4: The Mighty Word**

Sept 27 Salina  
Sept 28 Hays

#### **How the Brain Learns**

Sept 29 Hays

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# E-RATE

Let us alleviate your E-Rate burden!

The Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate) was transformed these past three years. Major E-Rate changes became effective with the 2016-2017 funding year and affected all school districts. Not only were previous policies altered (e.g. discount levels, eligible services, available funding, voice services phase-out), the process has undergone a total overhaul. The program is in the process of changing to an online service that includes new forms and new communication methods (EPC portal); essentially it is no longer the program we have become accustomed to.

We've been tracking changes to the program as USAC has made the information available. Let Smoky Hill Education Service Center guide you through all of the changes in the E-Rate program so you will have more time to devote to your other duties!

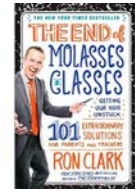
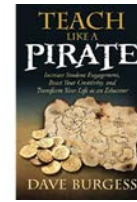
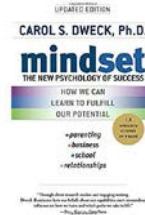
We are a Kansas based educational service center that has worked successfully with E-Rate since its inception. Our goal is to ensure your organization receives the maximum benefit from E-Rate while limiting your time commitment.

Not only will we work with you to be sure you meet E-Rate requirements, we will:

- Act as a resource to help you with the most current guidelines and eligible services
- Follow up with your staff to be sure forms are certified in a timely manner
- Review current services with you and your staff to determine which ones are eligible for reimbursement
- Discuss your "wish list" for the upcoming school year
- Guide you through the Fair and Competitive Bidding Process
- Work with you and/or your staff to gather the necessary paperwork needed for forms filing
- Oversee and assist with filing all forms essential to apply for vendor discounts and/or USAC reimbursement including Forms 470, 471, 472, 486, and 500
- Retain copies of the E-Rate forms as required by USAC
- Continue to follow the year's progression until it is complete
- Provide assistance with site visits, selective reviews, and audits
- Base fees on the amount reimbursed to the district

As the 2018-2019 funding year unfolds, we anticipate that we will see additional modifications to procedures and regulations. With this in mind, we will continue to monitor the program and keep you apprised of changes that will affect your district.

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Done with Summer Reading? You might want to check out this list of the Top Ten Books for Teachers. How many have you read?

1. *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* - Carol S. Dweck
2. *Teach Like a Pirate* - Dave Burgess
3. *Notice and Note: Strategies for Close Reading* - Kylene Beers and Bob Probst
4. *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life* - Parker J. Palmer
5. *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* - Daniel H. Pink
6. *The End of Molasses Classes: Getting Our Kids Unstuck-101 Extraordinary Solutions for Parents and Teachers* - Ron Clark
7. *Creating Innovators* - Tony Wagner
8. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* - Susan Cain
9. *The Book Whisperer* - Donalyn Miller
10. *Pure Genius: Building a Culture of Innovation and Taking 20% Time to the Next Level* - Don Wettrick



"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden