Updating Your EPC Profile for FY2020 During the Administrative Window



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The Basics



What is the Administrative Window?

The discount percentage and organizational structure of schools and school districts affect both libraries and consortia (e.g. Networkmaine). In order to level the playing field so that applicants of all entity types can file a Form 471 without being delayed by missing or inaccurate data for other applicants, USAC implements an Administrative Window.

The purpose of the Administrative Window is to establish a designated timeframe for applicants to update EPC profiles, which will then be locked down for use by all applicants.

During the Administrative Window, independent schools and school districts <u>must</u> update their EPC profiles, including the data used to calculate E-Rate discounts and organization relationships such as the list of schools belonging to a district.

It is extremely important that you make your profile updates during the Administrative Window as it is generally impossible to do so once the window closes.

FY2020 Administrative Window: October 11, 2019 - TBD



What information should I update?

At a minimum, you should annually update the data that is used to calculate your organization's E-Rate discount percentage:

- Number of Full Time Students
- Total Number of Students Eligible for NSLP

Independent Schools should update this information for their organization.

School Districts should update this information for each school in their organization.



What if my district's organizational structure has changed?

Contact the state E-Rate coordinator for assistance in the following situations:

- A school district has split: schools that have left one school district will need to be detached and moved to their new district
- School districts have merged:
 schools will need to be attached to their new parent school district
- A new school has opened:
 a new billed entity number will need to be created for any new schools

Maine State E-Rate Coordinator for Schools:

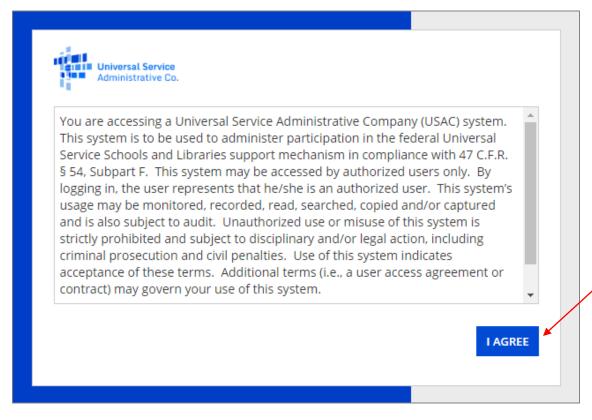
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Updating NSLP Data in the EPC Profile

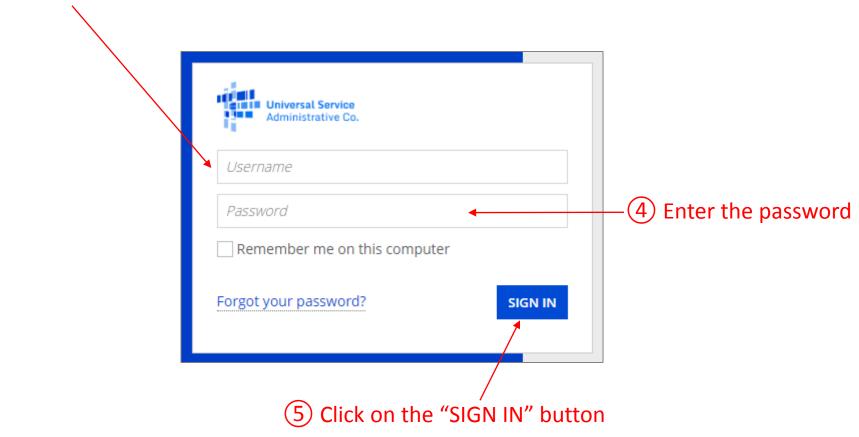


1 Navigate to the EPC Portal at https://portal.usac.org/suite/

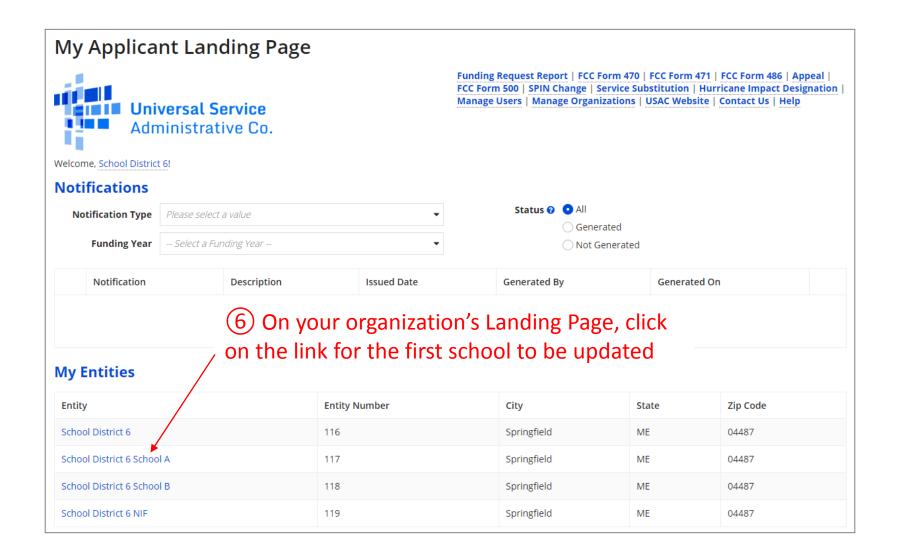


2 Click on the "I AGREE" button to proceed

3 Enter your username (your full email address)

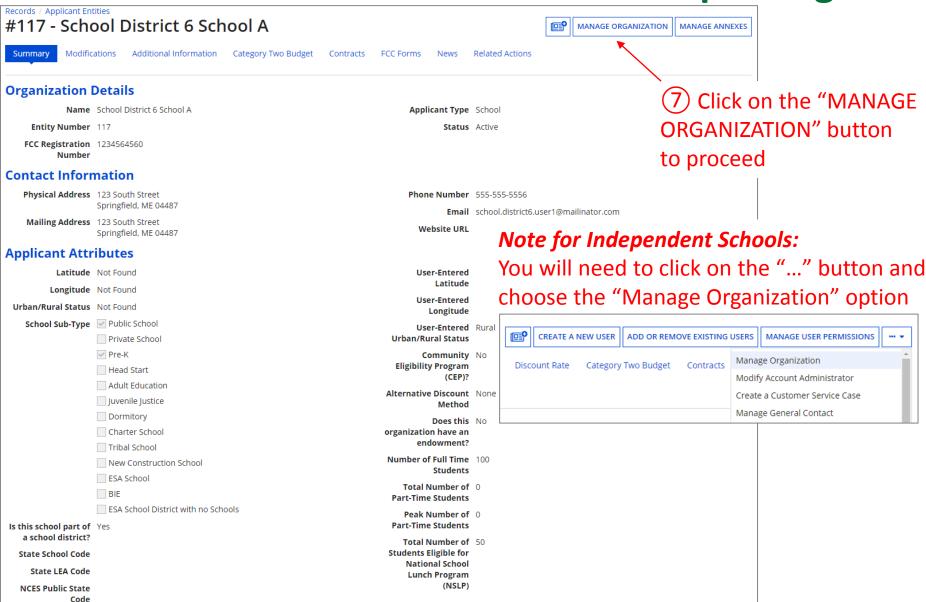




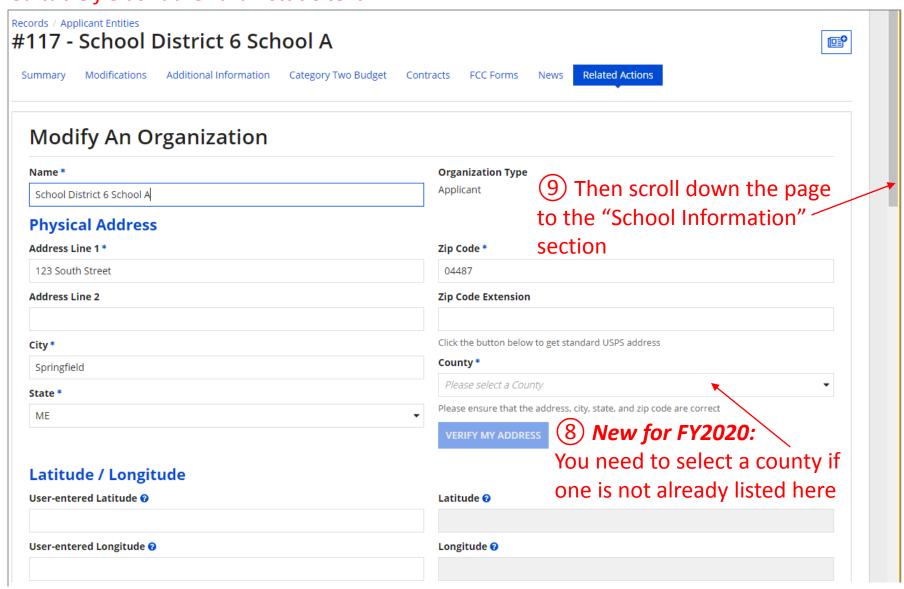




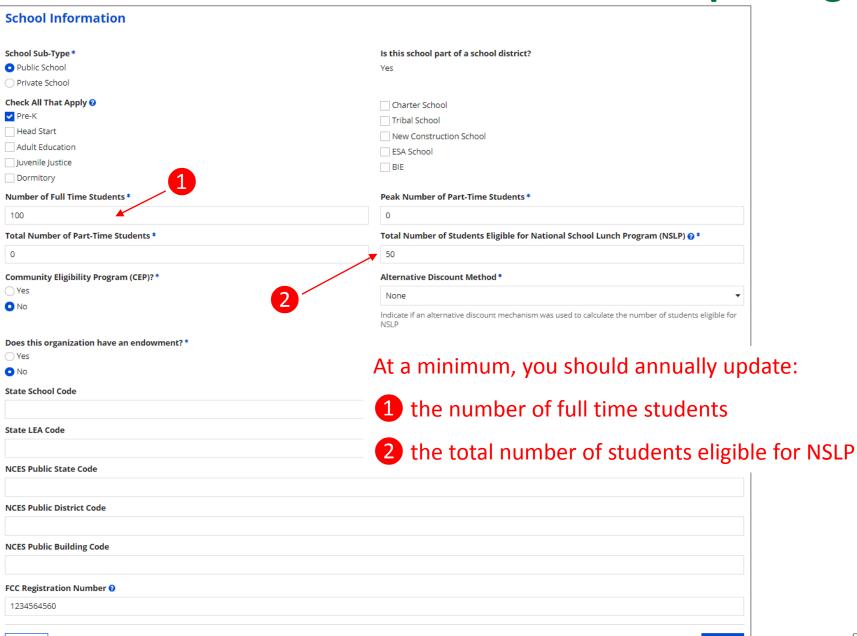
The organization page for that school will display



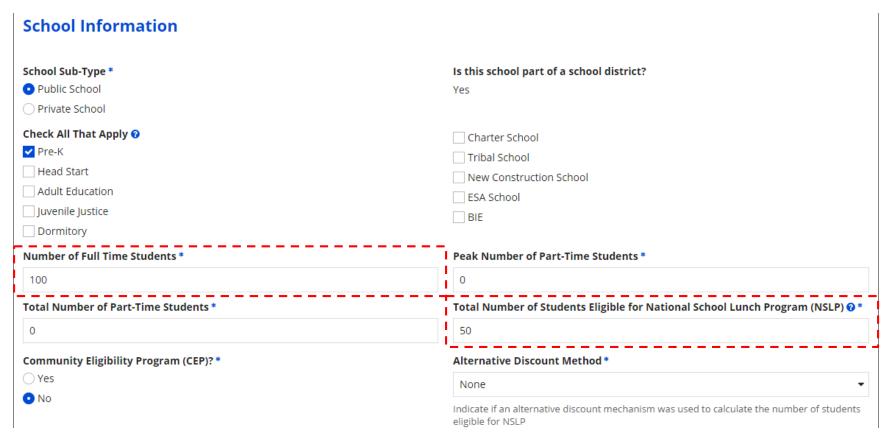
The organization page will re-display with editable fields rather than static text





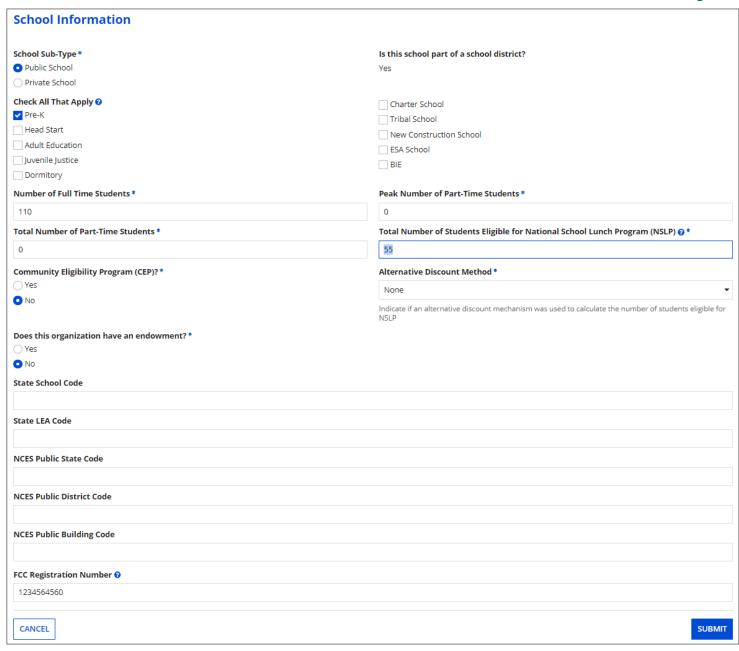


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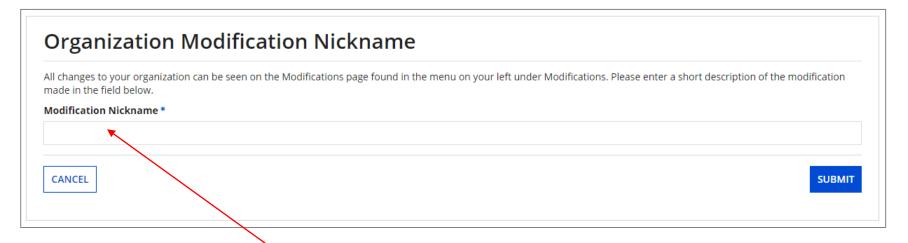
① Edit the fields for the "Number of Full Time Students" and the "Total Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP)"

For best results, use the numbers reported to the Maine State Department of Education for the current academic year. During PIA review, USAC will validate your discount by comparing your profile data to DoE data.

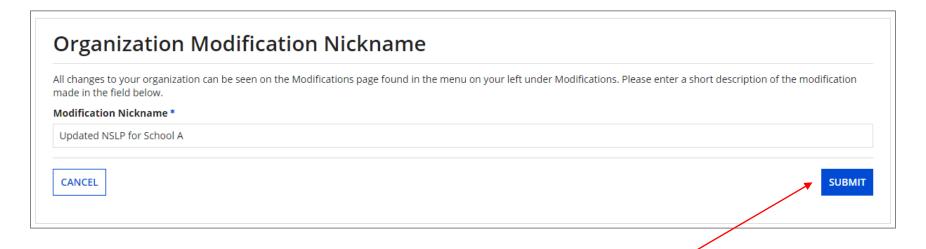


① Click on the "SUBMIT" button to save the changes

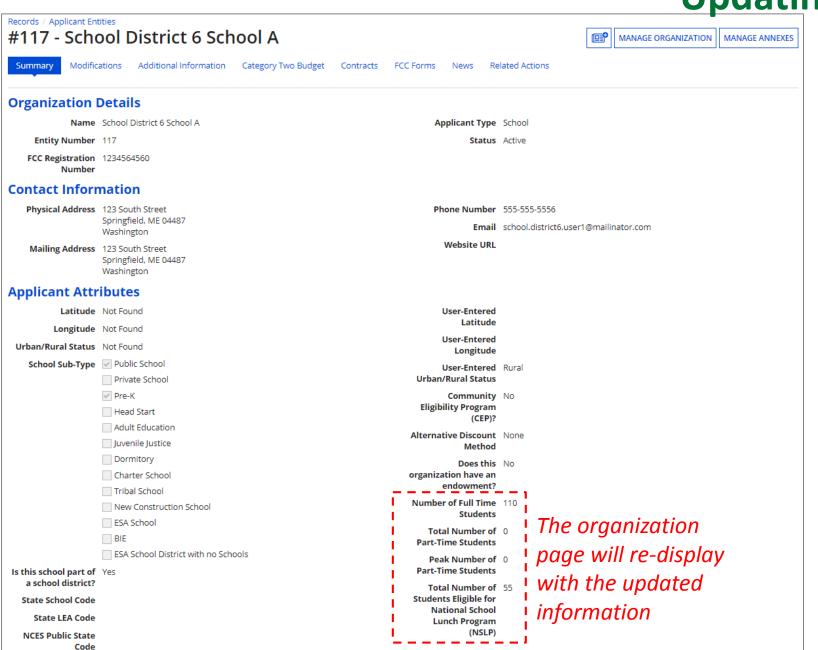
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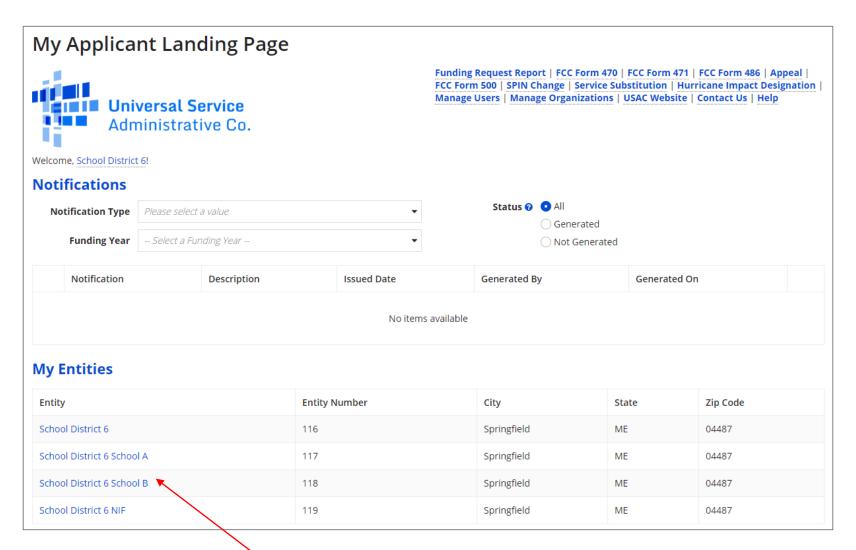


12) Enter a Modification Nickname to remind yourself what changes were made



(13) Click on the "SUBMIT" button





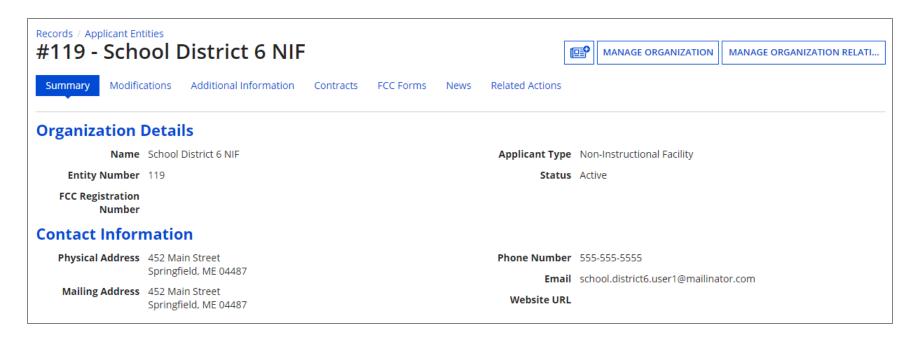
(14) Repeat this process for each school in your organization



Entities That Do Not Have NSLP Data: NIFs and Districts



NSLP for NIFs



NOTE:

Enrollment and NSLP data will not display on non-instructional facility (NIF) organization pages.

NIFs do not have their own enrollment or NSLP data, and will use the district discount percentage.



NSLP for Districts



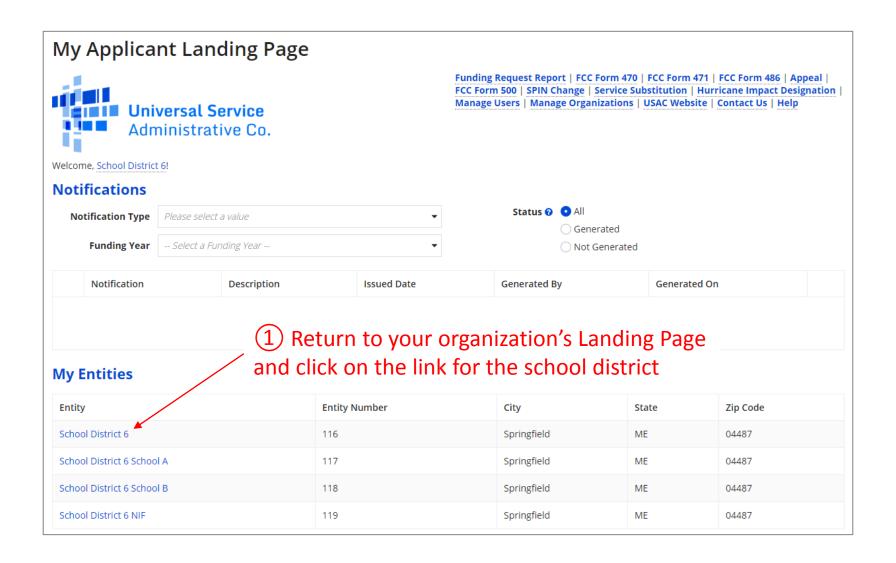


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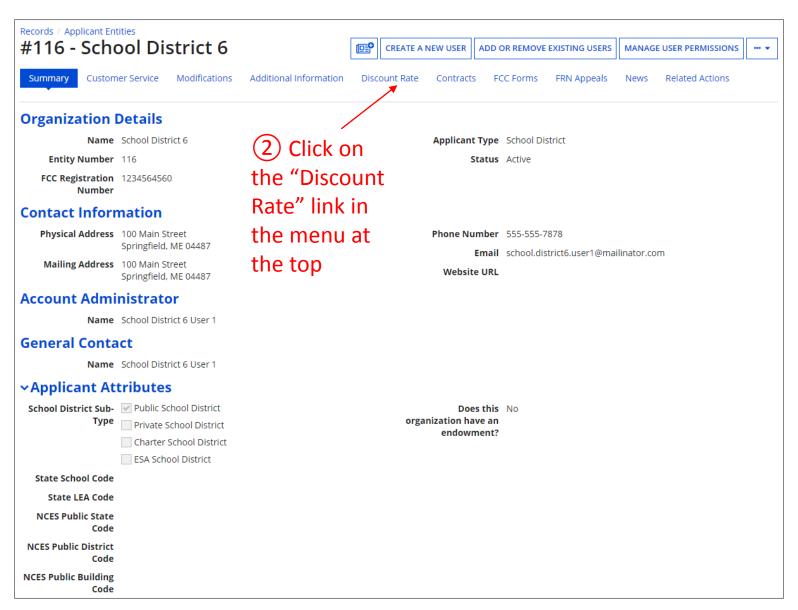
Code

Checking for Discount Rate Errors: School Districts







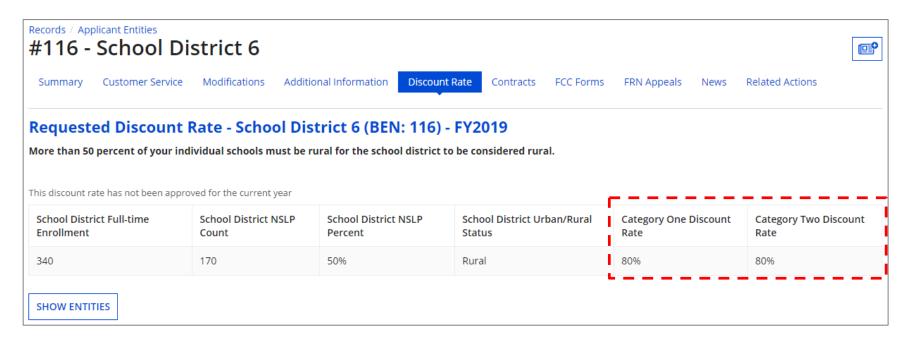


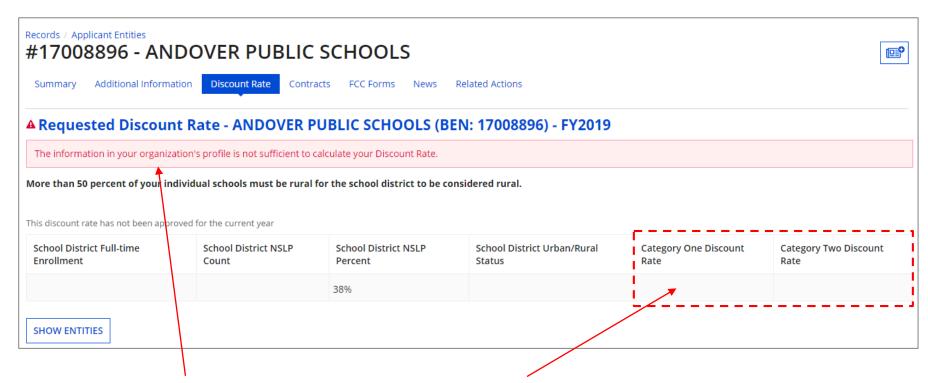


The discount rate for the school district displays

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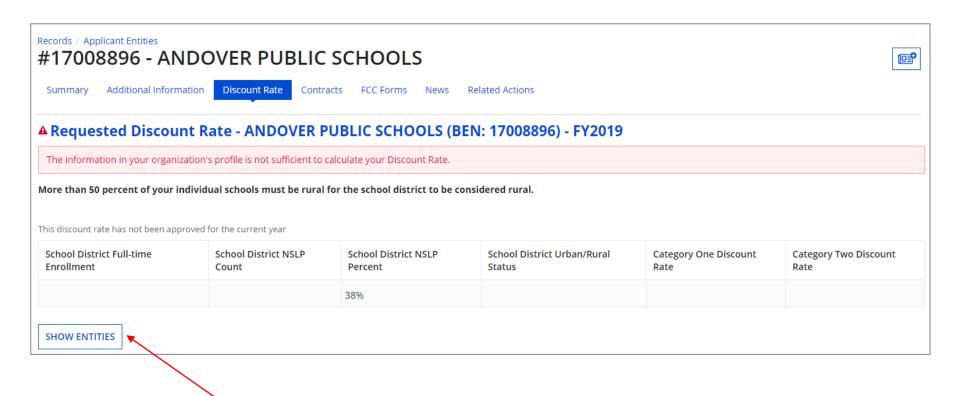
Category One and Category Two discounts may be different depending on which band your NSLP percentage falls in.





If you see an error message instead of the discount for your school district, there is an issue with one or more of the schools in your district

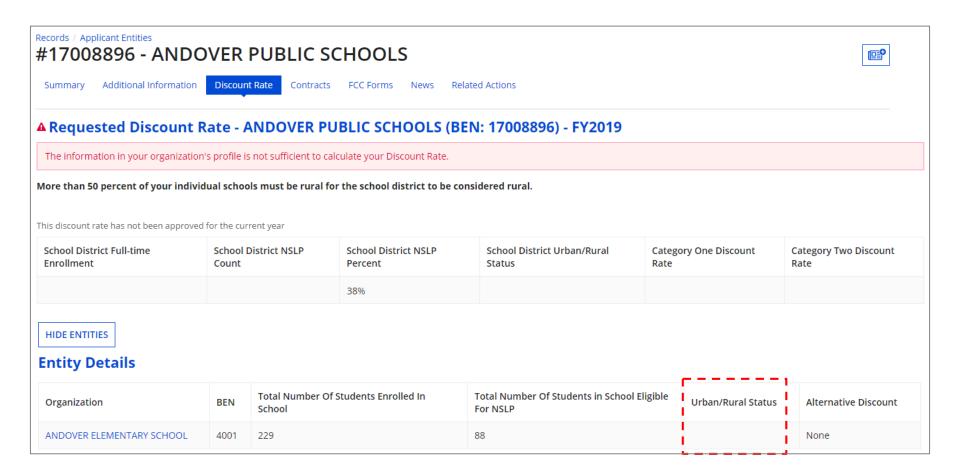




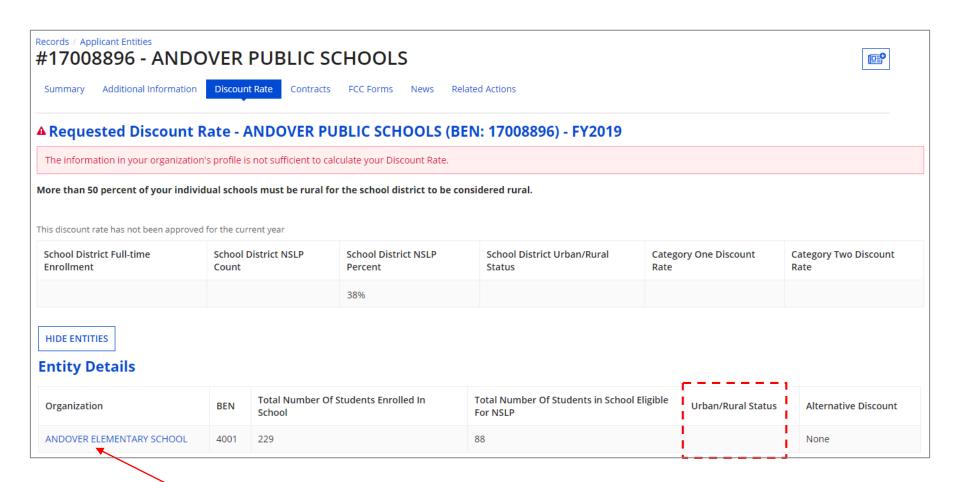
3 Click on the "SHOW ENTITIES" button to display a list of the schools in the district



One or more of your schools is likely missing information or is unable to accurately calculate a discount



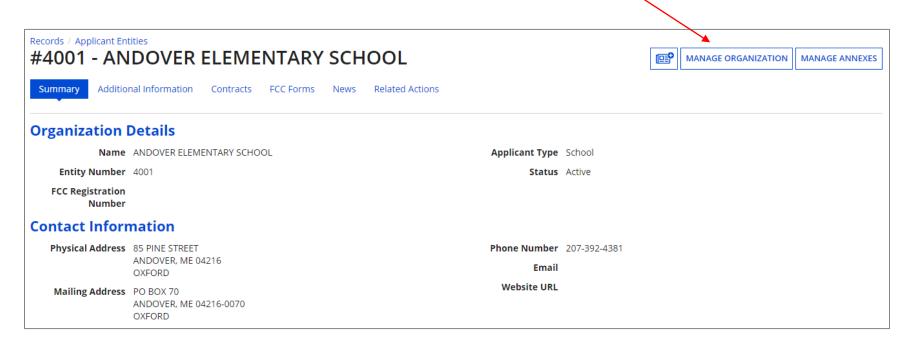




4 Click on the link for a school with an issue to go to that school's organization page

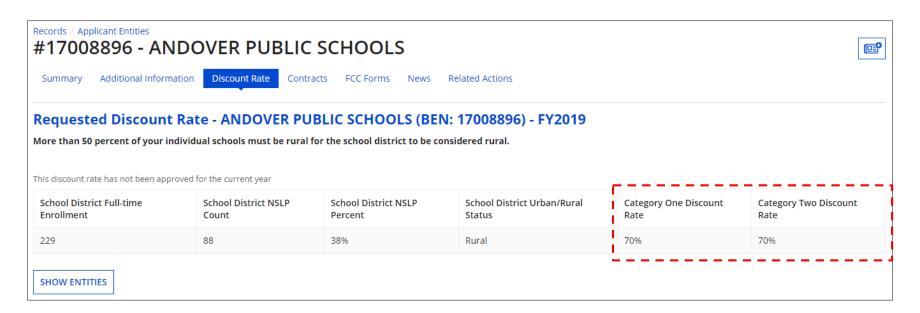


(5) Click on the school's "MANAGE ORGANIZATION" button and fix any issues on its organization page causing the discount not to calculate





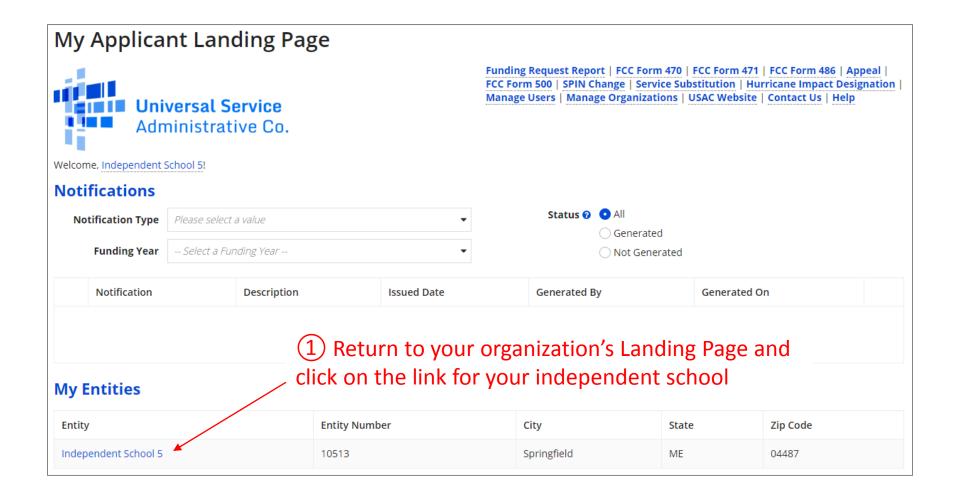
6 Return to the "Discount Rate" section for the school district and verify that the discount now displays



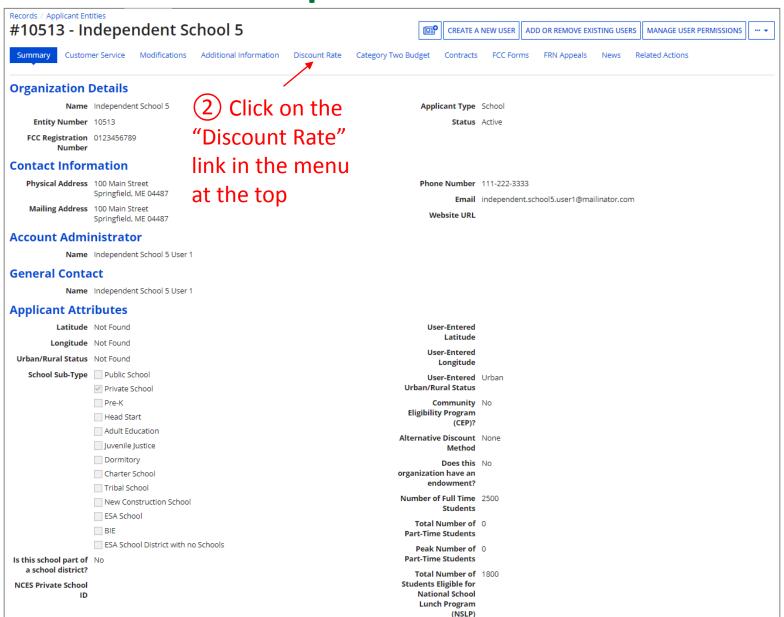


Checking for Discount Rate Errors: Independent Schools







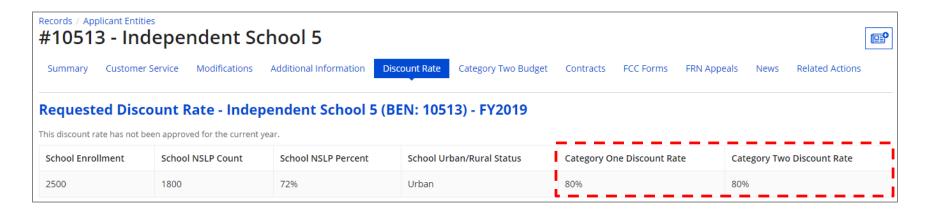




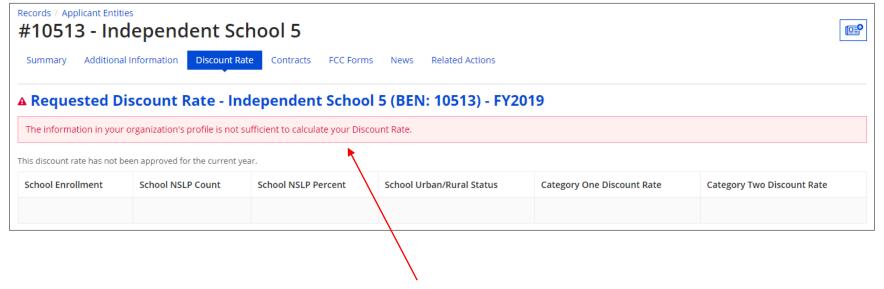
The discount rate for the independent school displays

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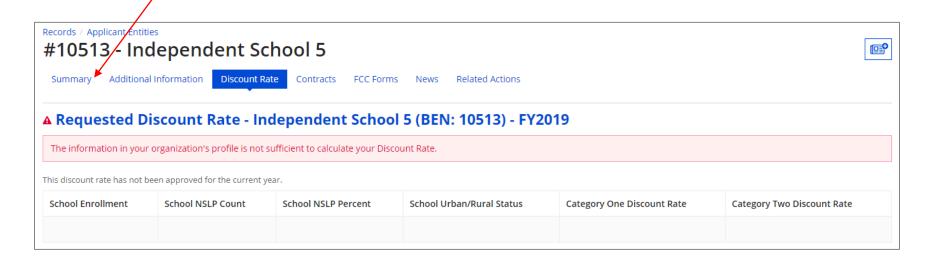




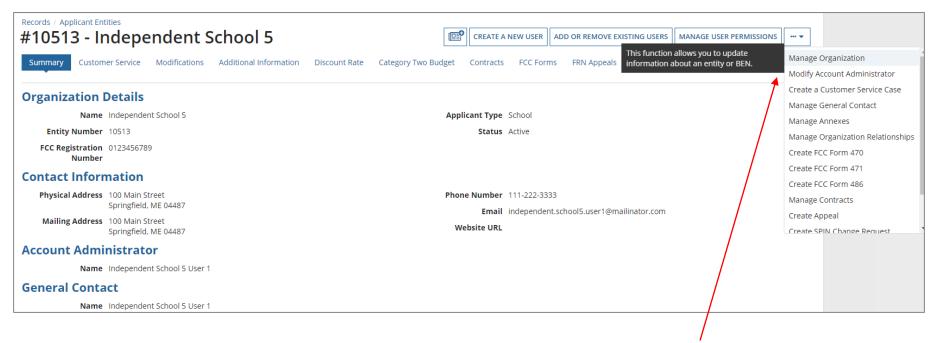
If you see an error message instead of the discount, there is an issue with the profile information for your school



3 Click on the "Summary" link







- 4 Click on the "..." button and choose the "MANAGE ORGANIZATION" option
- 5 Fix any issues on your school's organization page causing the discount not to calculate



6 Return to the "Discount Rate" section for the school and verify that the discount now displays

