Remote Learning Devices

Internet-enabled Devices for Students

To help students stay connected during emergencies, the DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. Families must <u>register</u> to receive a device. iPads are available one per student. Families can get more information on the <u>DOE website</u>.

Internet Access at Home

The DOE currently does not endorse or have an official relationship with any internet providers to provide internet to students. That said, providers are offering the following options.

Internet Provider COVID-19 Offers:

Note: A credit card, identification, and home address will be needed to sign up for any of these services. Providers may currently have a waitlist for access to wifi due to high demand.

Lifeline Federal Benefit

The Lifeline program from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) helps low-income individuals and families get discounted landline or cell (wireless) phone service. They may also qualify to receive a free phone. The program is run by the <u>Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)</u>. Parents can apply online or by telephone at the following link: https://nationalverifier.servicenowservices.com/lifeline.

Spectrum

Charter Communications is offering free broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 students who do not currently have service. To enroll call **1-844-488-8395**. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

Optimum

Altice internet providers of Optimum are offering 60 days of free internet service for households with K-12 students. To sign up, call **1-866-200-9522**.

Comcast Xfinity

Comcast Xfinity is currently offering its Internet Essentials program free for two months to new customers. Sign up here (https://bit.ly/39fMZd8), under eligibility.

Wifi via Smartphone:

Metro PCS, T-Mobile, Sprint, AT&T and Comcast

Metro PCS, T-Mobile, Sprint, AT&T and Comcast are all lifting their unlimited data caps for cell phone subscribers for at least 60 days. Contact your cell phone provider for more information.

MetroPCS

MetroPCS will allow you to add a free 10GB of mobile hotspot per month by adding an add-on service available in the MyMetro app, MyAccount or by calling Care at 611.

Free Public Wifi:

Comcast

Comcast - Xfinity WiFi hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi.

AT&T

AT&T is also providing free access to its public WiFi hotspots. Look for "att-wifi" or "attwifi" in the list of available wireless networks from your smartphone or laptop.