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Below is a list of technology and educational resources available to districts, schools, teachers, and students.

INTERNET ACCESS

Home Internet Offers

[AT&T](#)

- Offering two months of free service to new Access customers who order by April 30, 2020. \$5/mo or \$10/mo thereafter, depending on your speed.
- AT&T has expanded eligibility for its low-cost \$10 per month Internet plan, [Access from AT&T](#), to households participating in the National School Lunch Program/Head Start.
- Waiving all home internet data overage fees

[Comcast](#)

- Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone
- Pausing our data plan
- No disconnects or late fees
- [Internet Essentials Free to New Customers](#)

[Cox](#)

- Limited-time, first month free for new Connect2Compete service, \$9.95/month thereafter
- Until May 15, 2020, Cox is providing phone and remote desktop support through Cox Complete Care at no charge to provide peace of mind and ease for technology needs

[Spectrum/Charter](#)

- Free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.
- Spectrum Internet Assist, a high-speed broadband program that provides eligible low-income households Internet with speeds of 30 Mbps.
- Charter will open its Wi-Fi hotspots across its service area for public use.

[Altice](#) (Optimum and Suddenlink)

- Offering Altice Advantage Internet solution free for 60 days to any new customer household with K-12 and/or college students who do not currently have home internet within their footprint. After your first two free months expire, you can either cancel the service (which you can do at any time) or keep it as a regular paying Altice Advantage Internet customer.
- If you live in the Optimum service area, please call 866.200.9522
- If you live in the Suddenlink service area, please call 888.633.0030

Mobile Internet Options

[PCs for People](#)

- Offering nationwide high-speed 4G LTE internet service. Plans are prepaid with no credit check or hidden fees. PCs for People now ships all modems, so your devices should arrive in 3-5 business days.
- Plans start at \$15 for 1 month up to \$180 for 12 months

[Sprint 1 million project](#)

- Providing assistance to school districts on implementing e-learning plans where there is a need for additional devices to connect K-12 students without home internet access.

[T-Mobile](#)

- ALL current T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile customers who have plans with data will have unlimited smartphone data for the next 60 days (excluding roaming).
- T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile customers on smartphone plans with hotspot data an additional 20GB of mobile hotspot/tethering service for the next 60 days.
- Working with their Lifeline partners to provide customers extra free data up to 5GB of data per month over the next two months.
- Increasing the data allowance for schools and students using our EmpowerED digital learning programs to ensure each participant has access to at least 20GB of data per month for the next 60 days.
- MetroSmart Hotspot devices will be half off, and the \$35 per month data plan will include 20GB — double the normal monthly data — for the next 60 days.

[Boost Mobile \(Sprint\)](#)

- Customers will automatically receive complimentary international calling rates from the U.S. to countries defined by the CDC as Level 3 through April 30, 2020.
- Waiving reconnection fees for customers through April 30, 2020.
- Customers currently on an unlimited data plan with Boost Mobile, will automatically receive an additional 20 Gigs of mobile hotspot on their plans at no extra cost through April 30, 2020.
- Customers currently on a tiered plan with Boost Mobile, will automatically receive an additional 20 Gigs of data on their plans at no extra cost through April 30, 2020. No need to call or update your account.

[AT&T](#)

- Through May 22nd, qualified schools activating new lines on qualified data-only plans for school-issued tablets, 4G LTE-enabled laptops and hotspot devices will get the wireless data service at no cost for 60 days. Along with 60 days of no-cost AccessMyLAN™ which protects students from unsafe content and also to block malicious sites, malware and hacking attempts.

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Other low-cost schools-based wireless Internet programs

[KaJeet](#)

- Wi-Fi hotspots catered to teachers and students.
- KaJeet SmartSpot Custom Plan - data plan at \$12.97 per line/month with bulk discounts available.
- KaJeet SmartSpot Complete Plan - data plans starting at \$14.97 per line/month with bulk discounts available.
- KaJeet SmartBus - \$899.97 per bus per year
- The SmartBus option can be utilized in high student density areas where the bus can be parked in close proximity allowing multiple students to access the Internet.

[Mobile Beacon](#)

- Mobile Internet solutions catered for schools, community anchor institutions, and nonprofits.
- Leverages the Sprint 4G network.

None of these available in your area? Look up other low-cost offers in your local area via

[Everyoneon.org](#)

- National non-profit organization dedicated to connecting everyone to the Internet.
- In response to the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on society, multiple Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have made updates to their low-cost internet service programs to ensure individuals and families stay connected to the internet during this challenging time. We've updated our low-cost internet service options tool to reflect these changes.

FCC's Keep Americans Connected pledge

Go to the official FCC site [here](#) to see the comprehensive list of ISPs and companies that have signed the pledge that states:

[Company Name] pledges for the next 60 days to:

1. *not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic;*
2. *waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and*
3. *open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.*

If one of these companies is in your area, please contact them directly to learn more about what they can offer you during this time..

TECHNOLOGY - DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, AND TABLETS

[T-Mobile EmpowerED 2.0](#)

- Participating schools can receive up to \$200 per student to put toward mobile internet devices, including hotspots, laptops, and tablets with a 24-month data plan.

[PCs for People](#)

- Refurbished discounted desktops, laptops, internet and accessories. Prices range from \$60 - \$170 for a desktop, \$117-170 for a laptop and \$80 for a mobile hotspot.

The [Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council](#)

- [Computers for Louisiana's Families](#) program offers low-cost refurbished computers with a Microsoft Windows 7 Operating System and additional software pre-installed. Prices start at \$105. To print out an application, please click [here](#).

VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION AND LMS PLATFORMS

- [Zoom](#): Currently free, easy to use with a computer or smartphone
- [Google Classroom](#): Free; highly recommended by many educators; accessible by computer, phone, and even game consoles. See the [guide for teachers](#) and guide for [administering assessments](#).
- Teacher-directed phone calls: Allows teachers to connect with students 1:1, no internet required. Teachers could create a [Google Voice phone number](#) for students to call and text.
- [Calendly](#) is a useful tool to quickly schedule 1:1 check-ins.
- [Google Hangouts Meet](#): Through July 1, 2020, G Suite customers can use advanced Hangouts Meet video conference features like larger meetings (up to 250 participants), live streaming, and recording. For more information, see the G Suite Updates [blog post](#).
- [8x8](#): Free, secure web-based video conferencing
- [Adobe Connect](#): Individuals and businesses who aren't current customers can now use Adobe Connect rooms with up to 25 participants for free for up to 90 days if they sign-up for a trial license between now and July 1st.
- [Canvas](#): Teachers to sign up and run a FREE online course. It also has a great community of k12 and higher education teachers who share course templates and resources in a common repository.
- [Class Dojo](#): Free tool for parent communication, sharing information, and portfolios; as well as a platform for teachers to assign and students to complete and submit work online.
- [ClassKick](#): FREE Classkick Pro School, for any school in need due to COVID19.
- [ClassTag](#): Free classroom and schoolwide platform for parent communication across SMS, email, apps or the web, and automatically translated into 55+ languages and support for remote learning with file sharing, calendaring and videos.
- [COOL Cloudwise](#): COOL is a Google for Education based learning Platform and it's built for teachers by teachers. COOL offers an automated user provisioning and group synchronization. Integrates with Google Classroom, Picture Login for young students, classroom management,

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exam mode for teachers and a plagiarism checker. Cool is always free and the monitoring, plagiarism and exam mode are free to use until the end of the school year.

- [Edmodo](#): Teachers, students, and parents can use Edmodo to communicate and continue education—always for free. The Edmodo service allows teachers to create a virtual classroom, add lessons, create and give quizzes, assign homework - all in an online environment.
- [Otus](#): Otus is offering a free LMS, assessment management, and data analytics platform designed specifically for K-12 remote learning.
- RingCentral: RingCentral Office will provide all those impacted with 3 months of video conferencing, team messaging, business phones, and even SMS and fax

PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE AND TOOLS

- MICROSOFT - FREE Office A1 Licences with Microsoft Teams: Any school currently not licensed for Microsoft Teams will be provided 6 months of free access. Office A1 includes web versions of Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and One Note; a desktop version of One Note, Teams, and OneDrive for online file storage. Contact the vendor who manages the school system's Microsoft agreement or e-mail EdTech@la.gov for assistance
- [Exam.net](#): Full premium service for free through 2020 for creating secure digital class tests and exams online. No installations. Runs on any browser. Does not require student accounts or registrations.
- [Mastery Connect](#): Free individual teacher accounts for creating online class assessments, tracking, resource community, and planning.
- [Prezi](#): With a Basic subscription and a profile that states you're in Education, you get PreziNext and PreziVideo for free.
- [Quickpage](#): Quickpage allows teachers to easily and quickly send personalized videos to their students and included pdfs, docs, and even youtube videos all in one spot. Students can ask questions within the message feature. Quickpage is being offered free for life to teachers during this time.
- [Seesaw](#): Always free. It provides students a platform to demonstrate and share their learning with updated remote learning features using Home Learning Codes.
- [StudyBee](#): Providing free access until the end of the semester. StudyBee is a grading and student feedback system that extends Google Classroom functionality, with the ability to link assignments to custom or standardized educational objectives.
- [TechSmith](#): Our screen recording tool, TechSmith Snagit, and our asynchronous collaboration platform, TechSmith Video Review, will be provided for free through the end of June 2020 to any organization that needs it.
- [Texas Instruments](#): Providing a free six-month subscription of TI graphing calculator software for teachers and students
- [Typing Club](#): Free program for learning and improving typing skills.
- [Typing.com](#): Free program for learning and improving typing skills.
- [Vevox](#): Provides a live polling, Q&A and self-paced survey tool to enable interaction and communication between students and their teachers. Full feature set is now free until August 31, 2020.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

- [Bark for Schools](#): Offering account monitoring and web filtering services to all K-12 schools in the U.S. completely free. Detects potential problems across G Suite, Office 365, and Chrome to help protect students.

ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

- [Beeline Reader](#): Free access to the BeeLine Reader Browser Plugin for Chrome through September 2020. Teachers can e-mail education@BeeLineReader.com to create free accounts for their students and themselves.

DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY

Distance Education includes ongoing and regular **teacher-initiated interaction for the purposes of teaching, evaluating, and providing assistance** throughout the duration of the course and curriculum delivery. This may include but is not limited to synchronous or asynchronous instructive interaction, including emails, videoconferencing, satellite learning, online chats, phone calls, and feedback on homework and assessments. Distance education policy can be found in BESE [Bulletin 741 section 2326](#). Instructional minute requirements are waived for distance learning.

COURSE CHOICE

Opportunities are available through Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice for students to access online learning opportunities. The Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice program [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document has information available regarding students currently enrolled in courses and opportunities for new enrollments including an [intersession catalog](#) of options and [directions for registering](#) for intersession courses.