



Free Internet for Families

Overview

Families without a current broadband Internet connection are eligible for free service during the 2020 – 21 school year through Governor Lamont's Everybody Learns initiative.

Connecting Families

The State has been working with districts across Connecticut to identify and connect families with school-aged children. Students can get online through mobile "hotspots" **or** through cable broadband connections available at home and in your community. For families with questions, ask your technology department whether students qualify for, or may have already received, a connection through these programs:

- **Hotspots:** These are small, portable devices that students can use to connect to the Internet through cellular networks (e.g., AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon). The State shipped nearly 13,000 of these units to schools statewide early in the fall, and distribution to students should have taken place already. To find out if your school or district requested hotspots and which students received one, contact your technology department.
- **Cable Internet Connections:** Through the providers Altice, Atlantic, Charter, Comcast, and Cox, the State is providing no-cost Internet at home. Your school or district leaders are working with these companies to identify students without access and connect them. Your technology department should have a list of students who will receive this service and can help identify their home connection status.

More Information

We encourage you to speak with your school or district technology team about the specific providers and technologies used to get your students online. If after installation, questions or problems arise with a family's connection, your technology team can help troubleshoot through the cable or hotspot company providing the service.