



The Broadband Imperative:

Recommendations to Address K-12 Education Infrastructure Needs



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Resources**

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to a Technology-
Rich Learning
Environment**



Recommendation 1



Move to Address K-12 Broadband Infrastructure Needs

Broadband Access for Teaching, Learning, and School Operations	2014-15 School Year Target	2017-18 School Year Target
An external Internet connection to the Internet service provider (ISP)	At least 100 Mbps per 1,000 students/ staff	At least 1 Gbps per 1,000 students/staff
Internal wide area network (WAN) connections from the district to each school and among schools within the district	At least 1 Gbps per 1,000 students/staff	At least 10 Gbps per 1,000 students/staff



Recommendation 2



Ensure Broadband Access for Students and Educators

- Federal, state and local governments all need to take responsibility for ensuring educational access outside of school.
- Out-of-school access includes (but not limited to) homes, libraries and community centers.



Recommendation 3



Build State Leadership

- States should provide direct leadership in providing adequate and equitable broadband to K-12 schools, homes, and publicly accessible institutions.
- State broadband networks offer a cost-effective, scalable approach.



Recommendation 4



Advocate for Federal Funding

Increase funding options to support:

- States in implementing and maintaining high-speed broadband statewide networks;
- Districts and schools by helping to increasing bandwidth capacity;
- Communities by helping providing access to anchor institutions; and,
- Home broadband access to low-income families.



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