Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Connect

More students ready for tomorrow

Our new reality is that learning must happen at school and at home. And our students need access to reliable high-speed internet to succeed. Even before the pandemic, nearly 1 in 5 teens reported they are sometimes unable to complete homework because of lack of a reliable computer or internet connection. Since 2012, Verizon has been working to solve this problem, providing millions of students nationwide access to the technology and skills they need to thrive in the digital world.

Through the new Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Connect program, schools can ensure they have hotspots for students in need, as well as professional learning for educators.

EACH SCHOOL RECEIVES:

- Mobile hotspots for students without reliable home internet access.
- Hotspots include two years of Verizon Wireless 30GB LTE monthly data plans.
- Up to $8,500 to support instructional liaisons.
- On-demand professional learning for all educators.
- Regular opportunities to collaborate with a national network of innovative, technology-driven school leaders and educators.
- IT implementation support and assistance with mobile hotspots.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any interested U.S. school district with access to Verizon 4G LTE network throughout the community and documented needs. Districts may submit applications for 2-12 middle schools (grades 5-8) and/or high schools (grades 9-12). Schools must have an existing 1:1 device program in which devices go home with students.

Districts and schools should have:

Leadership and Vision. Strong alignment of district and school goals with the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools initiative goals.

Technology Infrastructure. Capacity to ensure hotspots filter content for out-of-school use and replace lost or stolen hotspots without families incurring the full cost.

Serving Youth with High Needs. No less than a 65% free and reduced-price lunch rate and a clear system for reporting and documenting student internet access at home.

Staffing and Professional Learning. At least 30% of teachers submit for a micro-credential each semester in the program.

Apply by March 12, 2021 for summer delivery.

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