

Everybody Learns



District and Student Connectivity

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Agenda

- Cable Internet Connections
- Mobile Hotspot (Kajeet) Connections
- Federal Programs
 - Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)
 - Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)
- Q&A

Guiding Principles

01

Keep Students
Connected and
Minimize
Disruption

02

Reflect Demand
and Usage

03

Meet AY 2021 – 22
Needs: Homework
Gap (Not Full-Time
Remote)

04

Complement
Existing Federal
Programs

Cable Internet

- State coverage for **current connections**
- No action needed on behalf of students or districts
- Provided through Altice, Atlantic, Charter, Comcast, and Cox
- New signups honored through July 30, 2021
- Coverage continues through June 30, 2022
- Ample warning before end of term with options

Mobile Hotspots

01

Reassess district need to address “homework gap”

02

Renew data plan on devices showing strong usage

03

Respond to inquiry from Kajeet

Renewing Your Kajeet Devices

- Thank you for being a valued Kajeet partner during the turbulent times of COVID
- Information you've received from your Account Manager, Jared Cooper, jcooper@kajeet.com, includes:
 - # of SmartSpots purchased (or in your possession via swapping)
 - # of devices used from the start of your program
 - # of devices utilized in the Spring Semester
- Please reply to Jared's email and let us know how many devices you'd like to renew (with IMEI #s of active devices)
- We can help you pull any additional data you may need!



Emergency Connectivity Fund

- Similar in Operation to E-rate (“E-rate to the Home”)
- Designed to Provide Off-Campus Connectivity
- For Schools and Libraries
- Round 1 Funding for AY 2021 – 22 Purchases (“Reasonable Costs”)
 - Broadband Connections
 - Cellular Hotspots
 - Connected Devices (e.g., LTE-Enabled Computer)
- Filing Window June 29 – August 13, 2021
- More at www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org





Emergency Broadband Benefit

- Open to All Eligible Households (Not Education Specific)
- Up to \$50 Monthly (\$75 Tribal Lands) Monthly Broadband Offset
- One-Time Discount of \$100 for a Device through a Participating Provider
- Various Eligibility Criteria (Income, NSLP, SNAP, Pell, etc.)
- More at www.GetEmergencyBroadband.org

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