



MEMBERS OF MINNESOTA STATE

# Student resources for reduced-rate data access and WiFi

We have compiled information for wireless and data access for our students.

This information is accurate, to the best of our knowledge, as of March 18, 2020.

## FCC statement on network access

The Federal Communications Commission is working with the broadband and telephone industries, asking them to agree to the <u>Keep Americans Connected Pledge</u>. Providers pledge to:

- Waive late fees
- Not cutoff service for lack of payment
- Open all WiFi hot-spots

## Connectivity options for students who don't have it

## ----Charter / Spectrum

Charter Communications is offering: <u>Free Spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days</u> in home with K-12 and/or college students who don't have an existing Spectrum service level up to 100 Mbps.

**INTERNET ACCESS:** Charter Free Internet offer for 2 months

## ----Xfinity

Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers.

XFINITY HOT SPOTS: www.xfinity.com/wifi

Once at a hotspot, select xfinitywifi network name > launch browser

## ----Comcast

Comcast is creating <u>options for more wireless and data access</u> for subscribers and non-subscribers, including free WiFi hotspots nationwide for all and unlimited data for their subscribers.

FREE HOME WIFI: For 2 months to low income families

All Xfinity hotspots free, see map

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# Wireless provider responses to COVID-19

#### **AT&T** statement

- Following FCC agreement
- Open hot-spots
- Unlimited data for existing customers
- \$10/month plans for low income families

#### **Verizon statement**

- Following FCC agreement
- No special offers at this time

## **Sprint statement**

- Following FCC agreement
- Unlimited data for existing customers
- All handsets will be authorized to enable hot-spots, no extra charge starts 3/17/20

#### **T-Mobile statement**

- Following FCC agreement
- Unlimited data for existing customers
- All handsets will be authorized to enable hot-spots, no extra charge coming soon

## Resources for qualifying students:

DEED: https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/adoption/

PCs FOR PEOPLE: https://www.pcsforpeople.org/low-cost-internet/

INTERNET ESSENTIALS: <a href="https://www.internetessentials.com/">https://www.internetessentials.com/</a>
MIDCO LIFELINE: <a href="https://www.midco.com/lifeline/">https://www.midco.com/lifeline/</a>

SPECTRUM: <a href="https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html">https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html</a>

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