

# Home Internet Options in C-I Schools Area

In order to have a successful online learning experience it is essential that you have an adequate internet connection. The following table describes the amount of data needed for common online tasks, according to the Federal Communications Commission (https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/guides/broadband-speed-guide):

Email/Basic browsing	1 Mbps download	
Video streaming	4 Mbps for standard video or 5–8 Mbps for high definition	
	video	
Music streaming	.5 Mbps	
Video web conferencing	1.5 Mbps	
Large uploads/downloads	50 Mbps download/ 25 Mbps upload for high definition	
	files	
Average student use	5-25 Mbps	

### **Area Broadband Providers**

Below is a list of providers that market services within all or part of the school district. The list provides the company name and the technology that they use to deliver broadband. Please contact the providers directly for specific information on services and coverage area.

ISD 911 - Cambridge/Isanti, Minnesota*				
AT&T Mobility	Mobile	https://www.att.com/		
CenturyLink	DSL	http://www.centurylink.com/home/		
Frontier Communications	DSL	https://frontier.com		
Genesis Wireless	Wireless	http://www.genesiswireless.com		
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	Satellite	https://www.hughes.com/		
Midcontinent Communications	Cable	https://www.midco.com/services/internet/		
Sprint	Mobile	http://www.sprint.com		
T-Mobile	Mobile	https://www.t-mobile.com/		
U Bet Net	DSL	http://www.youbetnet.net		
Verizon Wireless	Mobile	https://www.verizonwireless.com/		
ViaSat, Inc.	Satellite	https://www.viasat.com/		
Windstream	DSL	http://www.windstream.com		

<sup>\*</sup>The listing of companies in this guide does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of services. Companies wishing to be included in this listing should contact <a href="mailto:mjohnson@ecmecc.org">mjohnson@ecmecc.org</a>.

A more comprehensive list of broadband providers by county is available here: <a href="https://mn.gov/deed/assets/providers-county\_tcm1045-190762.pdf">https://mn.gov/deed/assets/providers-county\_tcm1045-190762.pdf</a>. Company web addresses and fastest download and upload Internet service offerings are included.



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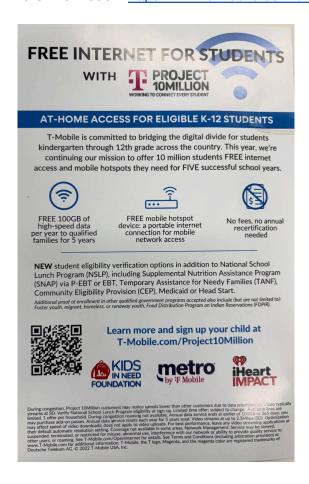
The following internet providers provide various programs for families:

## Low-cost plans

Broadband is an essential tool for all families, especially those with children in school, and some providers have created low-cost plans that make it easier for most families to subscribe. Below is a table that summarizes some of these plans. If your existing or prospective provider is not listed, please go to their website or contact them to see if they have a low-cost plan. (must meet eligibility requirements)

### **T-Mobile Project 10 Million**

The information below provides ways for students to get free internet if they meet certain criteria. Here is a link for more information: <a href="https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million">https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million</a>





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Provider*	Program Name	Program Details	Web Site
Midcontinent	Lifeline	Enjoy cost-effective connectivity, with no installation fee and rent-free modems.	https://midco.com/internet-assistance/
		Credit can be applied to most tiers of Midco internet services.	
CenturyLink 1-866-449-1979	Lifeline	Discount of \$9.25 per month on Internet services.	http://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html
Frontier 1-800-921-8101	Lifeline	Discount of \$9.25 per month on Internet services	https://frontier.com/resourc es/discountprograms/lifelin eprogram/minnesota
Windstream 1-855-651-6861	Lifeline	Discount of \$9.25 per month on Internet services	https://www.windstream.co m/about/windstream-infor mation/lifeline-assistance-p rogram#/

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