



A Broadband Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)

[Students Selected for Statewide Broadband Council](#)

The council is a unique opportunity for motivated high school students to research and discuss broadband and Internet topics, learn about Iowa technology companies, and discover technology careers.



\$26.2 million earmarked for increasing internet connectivity

\$19.3 million will go to all 327 school districts and nonpublic schools. \$6.9 million will be earmarked for public and private two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Source: Iowa Dept of Education

Education

[Parental tech literacy important for remote learning](#)

Children in elementary school, they may rely more on parental guidance in navigating the school day remotely.

Source: Cleveland Jewish News

[How Simple Tools Can Ensure Students Are Seen, Heard and Engaged](#)

Many K-12 schools have one-to-one computing programs, but accessories such as mice, webcams and headsets can also boost student success while learning remotely.

Source: EdTech: Focus on K-12

[Security Tips for K-12 Online Learning](#)

As K-12 schools adopt fully online or blended virtual and in-person learning, it is important to understand some basic cybersecurity steps to make sure you move to the top of the class securely.

Source: National CyberSecurity Alliance

[Security Tips for Higher Education](#)

As colleges and universities prepare for fully online or blended learning, it is important to understand some basic cybersecurity steps to make sure they move to the top of the class securely.

Source: National CyberSecurity Alliance

Cybersecurity

[Keep your kids safe online: All you need to know about internet safety at school and home](#)

Have conversations about internet safety with your kids, and check out this list of the parental controls you might want to put in place.

Source: All Connect

[What is a cyber attack? Recent examples show disturbing trends](#)

The last couple of years have been rough on IT security. Here are some of the major recent cyber attacks and what we can learn from them.

Source: CSO

[Security Best Practices for Removable Media and Devices](#)

When it comes to cyber security best practices, removable media and devices must only be plugged or inserted into your computer if you trust/know the source.

Source: National CyberSecurity Alliance

[DDoS Attacks: Larger and Far More Sophisticated](#)

Learn more about why DDoS protection for organizations in this day and age has become a necessity.

Source: Tech Times

Digital Divide

[Bridging the digital divide at the White Lake Community Library](#)

A CARES Act grant will be covering the cost of hotspots and laptops for patrons to borrow and use at home.

Source: White Lake Beacon

[New Orleans Will Pilot Citywide Internet Access Program](#)

While the city's Wi-Fi service will not be available this school year, officials hope that it will be ready before next year's academic schedule to help close the digital divide.

Source: GOVERNING

[The co-ops that electrified Depression-era farms are now building rural internet](#)

100+ cooperatives, first launched to provide electric & phone services as far back as the 1930s, are now laying fiber optic cable for high speed internet.

Source: Quartz

Government

[FCC Updates Wireless Broadband Speed Test](#)

Expanded to measure wireless capability as a demonstration of its "commitment to ensure consumers have the tools and resources to evaluate how well their mobile broadband connections are performing."

Source: MultiChannel News

[Arizona Transportation Officials Seek Guidance on Broadband](#)

The Arizona DOT is in the early process of exploring partnerships that would lead to broadband Internet conduits being installed along three interstate highway routes.

Source: Government Technology

Healthcare

[Mayo Clinic uses \\$1M in FCC funds for connected devices to expand telehealth](#)

Today the high-profile provider is using its expansive, multistate telemedicine programs to best serve COVID-19 patients.

Source: Healthcare IT News

[Philips Launches Virtual Care Station to Deliver Personalized Telehealth](#)

A telehealth environment delivering virtual care services to patients in neighborhood locations, such as retail settings, libraries, town halls and universities.

Source: Healthcare IT Consultant

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