

Internet options for students 2021-2022

Below is consolidated information on the affordable Internet options available to households/families:

During the 2020 year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Harrison School District Foundation was able to provide Xfinity Internet Essentials internet service at no cost to our families. The service provided by the foundation will expire on August 1, 2021, and Harrison School District 2 will no longer be able to fund internet services throughout the district. To continue your Internet service there are reduced cost programs available:

1. The Xfinity Essentials program, which is the same service provided through HSD2, remains available and you may continue to contact Comcast and request to continue with your current level of service.
2. Xfinity and other broadband providers are also offering a credit through the Federal Communications Commission called the Emergency Broadband Benefit. This benefit reduces the cost of internet by \$50 per month. If you are currently a Xfinity Internet Essentials customer, you qualify for this benefit and simply need to enroll in the program. This is a temporary benefit available until funding for the program runs out. For Xfinity customers, [click this link](#) or go to <https://www.xfinity.com/learn/internet-service/ebb> to sign up.

For CenturyLink customers, click [this link](#) or go to

<https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html>

For any other Internet provider:

1. Contact your preferred participating [broadband](#) provider or go to <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers> directly for information about your application process.
2. Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to:
Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

Consider the number of devices connected to the Internet when selecting a service package. The connected devices could be: computers, smart TVs, gaming systems, streaming devices, tablets, cell phones, printers, or anything else that connects to the internet at home.

Xfinity (depends on the location in the city/county what is available)

[Xfinity](https://www.xfinity.com/learn/internet-service) High Speed Internet Service: <https://www.xfinity.com/learn/internet-service>

100 Mbps (Megabits per second - minimum recommended) for up to five devices

200 Mbps (good) for up to eight devices

400 Mbps (best) for up to 12 devices

600 Mbps (best) for more than 12 devices

1200 Mbps (extreme) for more than 50 devices

CenturyLink (depends on the location in the city/county of what is available):

<https://shop.centurylink.com/uas/>

20, 40, 60 Mbps not recommended for households/families

100 Mbps (minimum recommended) for up to five devices

940 Mbps for more than 40 devices

Prices increase as speed increases and taxes and fees are additional. Some services are not available in all areas.

If households cannot use either option, a limited number of hotspots are available. The hotspot will not be as fast or reliable as a wired internet connection and will only allow two or possibly three users. Coverage and congestion on the cellular network will also determine speed. Please see if you are eligible for regular internet access through the above options first before applying for a hotspot through your school administrators. Attached is the hotspot form: [English Hotspot Form](#) or here:

https://www.hsd2.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=9819&dataid=14503&FileName=Hotspot_Student_Checkout-en.pdf