Outreach Presentation
Data on internet access in Chicago confirms what families are saying – we have an inequity

1 in 5 children in Chicago lack internet access*

- 100,000 kids across 60,000 households
- Mostly African American/Latinx neighborhoods
  - Just over 1 in 3 households in Austin
  - Nearly 1 in 3 households in Humboldt Park
  - Nearly 1 in 2 households in West Englewood

**The immediate COVID need for internet access will help build permanent infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide**

- Even post-COVID, internet access is a critical issue to promoting educational outcomes and righting broader inequities (poverty, housing access, food access)
- Research indicates that internet access can improve students’ GPAs and can improve standardized test scores
- Internet access will help with engaging children in summer school and reducing summer crime

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* "Digital Equity in Education", Kids First Chicago & Metropolitan Planning Council, April 2020 (students 18 and under)
** CPS Data for Google Meet and Platform Access from April 26 - May 2
Areas with the highest concentration of students without access to broadband are predominately on the South & West sides

15 Most Affected Community Areas

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Eligible Students
North Lawndale: 5,809 students

* See [US Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov), 2019, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates
• One of the largest and longest city-run internet accessibility program in the country (100,000+ students, 60,000+ households)*
  
  • Focus on high-speed, fixed-line, household internet access (wireline ensures reliability, consistency of speed, and can most quickly connect Chicagoans)
  
  • Includes a WiFi “hotspot” component focused on students in temporary living situations and the small percentage of homes where wired-service cannot be used
  
• Student household eligibility based on six equity factors*:

  1. Economic circumstances indicating that the cost of internet will likely be a challenge (e.g., Medicaid, eligibility for free meals, homelessness, UIC’s researched-based Community Hardship Index)
  
  2. Student-level factors indicating students who are most likely to be disadvantaged academically (Diverse Learning, English Language Learning)

*Visit CPS.edu/ChicagoConnected for more details on eligibility and other Frequently Asked Questions
On-the-ground Collaboration

Albany Park & Avondale

Archer Heights & Brighton Park

Armour Square & Lower West Side

Ashburn

Auburn Gresham, Burnside, Chatham

Austin

Avalon Park, Calumet Heights, South Chicago

Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Portage Park, Dunning, O’Hare

Bronzeville (Douglas), Oakland, Grand Boulevard

Chicago Lawn

Citywide

East & West Garfield Park

East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering

Englewood, West Englewood

Gage Park, West Elsdon, New City

Greater Grand Crossing

Humboldt Park

North Lawndale

Pullman, Roseland, Riverdale, West Pullman, Morgan Park, Washington Heights

Rogers Park, West Ridge

South Lawndale

South Shore

Washington Park, Woodlawn

West Lawn, Clearing, Garfield Ridge

Chicago
Myths vs. Facts About Chicago Connected

- **Myth**
  - It could take four years to get connected to the internet.
  - Families need to share a Social Security Number to sign up.
  - Families who sign up need to pass a background check.
  - Families will be responsible for secret additional charges (modem, data overages, etc.)

- **Fact**
  - Eligible families can sign up for internet access immediately.
  - Families do not need to have or share a Social Security number to sign up. There are several other forms of ID allowed, such as a driver’s license, a utility bill in the applicant’s name, or even current employment badge / photo ID.
  - Families who sign up do not undergo a background check.
  - Families who sign up do not receive a bill. There are no connection or modem fees, with the exception of a customer that asks for excessive home visits or does not return equipment.
For general questions around tech support/remote learning, call CPS at (773) 417-1060

To determine if your student is eligible, call your school or visit CPS.edu/GetConnected