



## Working together to upgrade all schools

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EducationSuperHighway is partnering with **the State of Illinois**, the **Illinois State Board of Education**, **Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology**, **Illinois Century Network**, and **Learning Technology Centers** to enable high-speed Internet in every classroom in Illinois so that all students can take advantage of the promise of digital learning.



EducationSuperHighway is the leading non-partisan non-profit focused on upgrading the Internet access in America's K-12 public schools. We believe that digital learning represents an unprecedented opportunity to provide every student with equal access to educational opportunity and that every school requires high-speed broadband to make that opportunity a reality. All of our programs are provided at no cost to the state or its districts.

## Working together to get fiber to your district

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Any district that lacks fiber can participate in a fiber project. This engagement begins with building a plan to upgrade your network based on your districts circumstances and provider options. We then help you build a case for funding so that all stakeholders understand the budget needed for your upgrade. Next, we assist in selecting the best provider during the RFP process and ultimately in implementing your new network.

## Partnering to get more bandwidth for your budget

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EducationSuperHighway provides the expert support to help your district improve bandwidth affordability through increased price transparency. An affordability project includes using our data transparency tool Compare & Connect K-12 to understand what other districts are paying for services in your surrounding areas. We can also facilitate webinars and regional convenings to meet peers and share data in order to support action for upgrades.

**We want to help you upgrade your network and improve broadband affordability for your schools.**

## The current state of Illinois K-12 connectivity

We have used the latest public E-rate data to better understand the current state of K-12 connectivity in Illinois. Our findings indicated the following:

- 31% of districts do not meet the 100 kbps per student connectivity target set by the FCC
- 59% of students lack adequate broadband access to support digital learning
- Up to 12% of schools lack scalable connections

We seek to close the digital divide in Illinois through bringing fiber to every school and leveraging price transparency to increase affordability of broadband services.

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**If you're interested in participating in a fiber or affordability project, please reach out to members of our team.**

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