

HUNTINGDON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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During this time of remote learning the Huntingdon Area School District wants to do everything in its power to ensure that our learners have as much internet access as possible. The following is information for those who have the following circumstances:

- if there is no internet in the home
- if you have internet, but are in search of a better price
- if you have the internet, but are interested in increasing your internet speed (bandwidth).

There are two options in our local areas that have a cost associated with them.

- Comcast site offers \$10/month internet (it is called Internet Essentials)
 - <https://internetessentials.com/>
- Century Link site offers \$10/month internet (it is called lifeline)
 - <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html>

If an out of pocket expense is not an option for your family at this time, the Huntingdon Area School District is opening all its campus parking lots as a connection point. From the parking lot you will be able to connect to our district, filtered wifi. We do ask that the following guidelines be taken into account when utilizing the wifi on campus:

- 40 devices at a time can be connected to the outside wifi at any given parking lot. If you pull into the parking lot and there are already 10 cars in the lot, move to another school or wait until a car pulls out before you try to log into our network.
- The wifi is accessible from any of our four school parking lots and can be accessed by parking with your device around the perimeter of any building.
- If you are using a district device it will connect to our wifi automatically and a password will not be necessary. If you are using a personal device, you will log into the guest network and again a password is not necessary.

- Please remain in your vehicle when using the wifi. We are not encouraging congregating and ask that you follow all social distancing guidelines. We encourage downloading/uploading information that can be taken home to complete offline.

Many families utilize mobile internet connections and smartphones as their primary source of internet. Many smartphones and cellular plans will allow for hotspot connectivity to other devices, like our school issued iPads. You can often connect more than one device to this hotspot. Please note cellular data plans vary and we suggest you understand your plan and costs associated with utilizing this feature.

The Huntingdon Area School District technology department continues to support families, staff and faculty during these uncharted times and if you have any questions related to this message or concerns about a school issued device, please email us at helpdesk@huntsd.org. As we continue to research and find additional options for accessibility we will communicate them.

Sincerely,

HASD Technology Department