

Remote Learning: Parent Essentials for Technology

<https://www.dpsk12.org/coronavirus/#familyresources>

Internet Options:

- **Home Internet:**
 - [Internet Essentials](#): this program provides affordable home Internet service. In response to increasing demand for remote learning, IE is offering special discounts and higher speeds.
- **DPS-Issued Hotspots:**
 - DPS-issued hotspots will enable students who do not have home Internet to access specific networks wirelessly. These will be distributed to students who need them, after spring break. More information on distribution will be shared with school leaders.
- **Other Options:**
 - There are other options for connectivity that offer intermittent access with varying degrees of consistency, depending on availability in different areas of the district.
 - **Mobile Phone Tethering:** personal mobile phones can be used as a hotspot to provide Internet to other devices, such as a Chromebook. Additional charges may apply, refer to your service provider for more information.
 - **Public WiFi:** (Requires users to be within 100 feet of WiFi, which may not work for all during local stay at home order; remember to use caution as public WiFi is less secure than other options)
 - [XFINITY WiFi Hotspots](#) (coverage varies across the city)
 - [Denver Public Library](#) - DPL Wireless (coverage available near DPL sites or parking lots)
 - DPS Guest (coverage available near DPS schools or parking lots)

Keeping Students Safe

- **DPS Filtering:**
 - DPS does its best to ensure our students' online experiences are safe. Our web filters, included on district-issued devices and through district network connections, are programmed to block inappropriate content as much as possible.
 - If a student is using a district-issued Chromebook or iPad at school or at home, it will always pass through the DPS web filtering.
 - Like all technology-based solutions, there are ways a user might attempt to circumvent these Internet filters for inappropriate use. We encourage parents to stay engaged in their student's Internet use.
- **Anti-Bullying Software:**
 - DPS utilizes Gaggle to monitor activity on any district-managed Google Suite products, including Docs, Sheets, Email and Chat. If Gaggle detects any instance of bullying, cyberbullying, or other illegal activities occurring, the student will lose access to district technology and associated software.
- **Parent Visibility:**
 - Parents can also login to their students' devices to see their browsing history. Students are unable to browse in an incognito mode.