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K-12 Connect enrollment deadline approaching

PIERRE, S.D. – The deadline to enroll in South Dakota’s K-12 Connect program is Nov. 20. This program provides free internet service to eligible K-12 students in their homes for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Eligible South Dakota households should have received a letter identifying a telecommunications company to call to access free internet service through K-12 Connect. If a family believes they are eligible but did not receive a letter, they will need to fill out an Eligibility Form.

To be eligible for the program, households must meet all of the following:

1. Have at least one student currently enrolled in a K-12 school or homeschool; and
2. Must meet the [income eligibility guidelines for the free and reduced school lunch program](#); and
3. Must not have internet services in the home between July 1, 2020, and present

Once eligibility is determined, providers will install the necessary equipment on a first-come, first-serve basis. Internet service will be provided through June 30, 2021. After that time, the household must return the equipment to the provider or continue services at the household's expense.

For more information and to access the Eligibility Form, visit k12connect.sd.gov; email k12connect@state.sd.us; or call (605) 773-3248.

K-12 Connect is a partnership of the South Dakota Governor’s Office, Bureau of Information and Telecommunications, Department of Education, and participating telecommunications companies.

Telecommunications companies that are participating in K-12 Connect include:

Alliance Communications Cooperative	Midstate Communications
Beresford Municipal Telephone Company	RC Technologies
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority	Santel Communications Cooperative
Faith Municipal Telephone Company	Swiftel Communications/Brookings Municipal Telephone
Fort Randall Telephone Company	TrioTel Communications
Golden West Telecommunications	Valley Telecommunications Cooperative
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative	VAST
Kennebec Telephone Company	Venture Communications Cooperative
Long Lines Broadband	West River Cooperative Telephone Company
Midco	West River Telecommunications Cooperative