



Student Digital Equity Survey

District Instructions

You may use this survey to facilitate data collection from students and their families. Districts are encouraged to consider how best to collect this information from every student (especially those lacking access to the Internet) which may include a combination of using the parent portal, digital survey, paper survey or interview.

To ensure consistent data collection, the survey questions should be used as written and not edited or changed.

Because circumstances around digital equity can evolve, districts should collect this information from students at least once a year. Districts should use the provided crosswalk in the Digital Equity handbook to facilitate entry of data into the student information system.

Survey Information

Thank you for participating in the Student Digital Equity Survey. This survey collects information on student access to the Internet and electronic devices used for schoolwork in the student's home. [DISTRICT OR SCHOOL NAME] may use this information to identify students that could benefit from additional supports to make sure they can access learning opportunities outside the classroom or school building. It is important that we gather accurate information from every student so that each student and family has the equipment, help and support needed.

The information you provide in this survey will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). MDE may provide state- or school-level summary data—without personal, identifying information—to the Governor, legislators, agency staff and external partners who have established data sharing agreements and protocols. [DISTRICT OR SCHOOL NAME] will not share your personal, identifying information provided in this survey with others without your consent.

Instructions

Please fill in the following information based on how you use electronic devices to complete schoolwork at your home. This survey uses the primary address you provide as your “home.” **You should answer the questions below based only on the conditions at this address.** There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to say more about additional places you live and do homework.

Student Information

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Primary Address: _____

Digital Device Access

1. Does the student use an electronic device like a computer, tablet or smart phone to complete homework?

No (skip to question 2)

Yes (continue to 1a)

a. If yes, what type of electronic device does the student usually use to complete homework?

(select ONLY one)

- Desktop or Laptop
- Tablet
- Chromebook
- Smart phone
- Other

b. Is the electronic device (from 1a) provided by the school?

- Yes
- No

c. Is the electronic device shared with anyone else in the home?

- Yes
- No

Internet Access

2. Can the student access the Internet on their electronic device at home?

- No – Internet is **not** available at home (skip to end of survey)
- No – Internet is **not** affordable at home (skip to end of survey)
- No – Other (skip to end of survey)
- Yes (continue to 2a)

a. If yes, what kind of Internet service do you have at home?

- Residential broadband (e.g. Cable, Fiber, DSL)
- Cellular network
- School-provided hotspot
- Satellite
- Dial-up
- Other
- I am not sure.

b. Can the student stream a video on their electronic device without pauses?

- Yes – with **no** pauses or buffering
- Yes – with **some** pauses or buffering
- No – streaming doesn't work

Instructions to District

You may include additional questions that would become part of your local data. These are not included in the digital equity Ed-Fi data elements and are not reported to MDE but may be useful to your local digital inclusion efforts. Examples: Include the results from [MN Broadband Speedtest](#) if known: _____Mbps Upload, _____Mbps Download; What else would you like us to know about Internet or device access at this or another place?