

# Helping connect students and teachers in today's new learning environment



The COVID-19 pandemic has forced educators at all levels, from kindergarten through university, to dive deep into distance learning.

## 50.8 million

K-12 public school students affected by the pandemic as of May 8, 2020<sup>1</sup>

## 25.8 million

Higher education students affected by the pandemic<sup>2</sup>

## Connecting the classroom

Many schools are struggling to quickly provide the tools their students and teachers need. Sometimes basic connectivity is a problem.

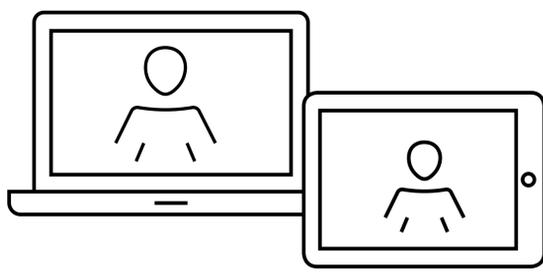
## 7.15 million

Number of families in the U.S. without internet access<sup>3</sup>

In families where broadband internet is available, the connection can be strained, as parents and multiple children and neighbors log on at the same time.

**How can Verizon help?** Solutions like Dedicated Internet, Fios and mobile hotspots offer reliable, flexible connectivity so students and teachers can access the materials they need.

## Working together



Teachers, students and parents trying to help kids learn can all benefit from the combined brainpower and camaraderie of collaboration – especially when they are isolated at home.

**How can Verizon help?** Tools like Cisco Webex<sup>®</sup> and Verizon audio conferencing help bring distant teachers, students and parents together.

## Communicating with the school community



Educators need to continue to efficiently disseminate information to parents, students and other employees.

**How can Verizon help?** Quickly deployable calling solutions like One Talk or remote call centers can empower faculty and staff to support both parents and students.

## Keeping devices and data secure

## 348

Number of publicly disclosed cybersecurity incidents in U.S. K-12 schools during the 2019 calendar year. That's almost two per day and nearly three times as many as during 2018.<sup>4</sup>

With so much learning taking place online, protecting personal information is more important than ever. Administrators need solutions that help identify security risks and address them quickly.

**How can Verizon help?** Cybersecurity solutions like Verizon Mobile Device Management (MDM) and DDoS Shield can help keep your school's data secure and help prevent attacks on your network.

## Learn more:

Learn more about how Verizon solutions can help with distance learning <https://enterprise.verizon.com/solutions/public-sector/education/distance-learning/>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.othweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ontangled.com/coronavirus-hel/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fundforlearning.com/bcs/2020/04/covid-19s-20c-rate-20white-20paper.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Levin, Douglas A., "The State of K-12 Cybersecurity, 2019 Year in Review," EdTech Strategies, LLO/The K-12 Cybersecurity Resource Center, 2020. Available online at <https://k12cybersec.com/year-in-review/>

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