Power education technology with Verizon: E-Rate eligibility, changes and benefits

Education technology now plays a pivotal role in shaping the learning experience. However, many educational institutions face hurdles in adopting and implementing effective technology solutions. Verizon recognizes these challenges and offers a diverse array of devices supported by unparalleled network connectivity, with a special emphasis on leveraging the E-Rate program to enhance accessibility and affordability.

Challenges in education technology

- **Budget constraints**
  Limited budgets pose a significant challenge for schools and libraries looking to invest in technology infrastructure and devices. High costs associated with hardware, software and network connectivity can deter institutions from fully embracing technology-enabled learning environments.

- **Digital equity disparities**
  The digital divide and homework gaps persist, with underserved communities facing disparities in access to technology and internet connectivity. Students without reliable access to devices and broadband internet at home are at a distinct disadvantage, hindering their ability to engage in online learning and access educational resources.

- **Infrastructure limitations**
  Outdated infrastructure and insufficient network bandwidth can impede the effective implementation of education technology initiatives. Slow internet speeds, network congestion and unreliable connectivity disrupt online learning experiences and deter collaboration among students and educators.

Benefits of Verizon device variety and network connectivity

- **Affordable data plans**
  Verizon offers discounted data plans for students and educators, ensuring everyone has access to the vast learning potential created by the internet.

- **Comprehensive device options**
  Verizon offers a diverse range of devices tailored to meet the needs of educators and students. From tablets and connected laptops to smartphones and IoT devices, Verizon's device variety ensures that educational institutions can choose solutions that align with their curriculum requirements, budget constraints and staff preferences.

- **Mobile connectivity**
  Hotspot and MiFi devices can be used with a single data plan across multiple devices, optimizing resources and keeping everyone connected. These devices permit customization to ensure network access for everyone in every classroom.
BYOD support
Verizon solutions can seamlessly integrate personal devices into campuses, leveraging existing resources while maintaining consideration for individual preferences.

Reliable network connectivity
Verizon's robust network infrastructure provides reliable, high-speed connectivity, enabling seamless access to online resources and collaborative learning platforms. With expansive coverage and advanced technologies like Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) and 5G, Verizon ensures that students and educators can stay connected from anywhere, experiencing uninterrupted learning experiences.

Management and security
Mobile Device Management (MDM) helps simplify device management and enhance cybersecurity by utilizing centralized control over apps, security and updates. MDMs can save educators valuable time and keep them from having to worry over devices individually. Verizon's advanced security options protect critical student and staff data with industry-leading cybersecurity solutions, bolstering a safer environment for learning.

Enhanced collaboration and engagement
Verizon's devices and network connectivity empower educators to create immersive and interactive learning environments. With access to multimedia content, virtual reality experiences and real-time collaboration tools, students can actively engage in the learning process and collaborate with peers both inside and outside the classroom.

Remote learning enablement
In an increasingly digital world, remote learning has become essential for ensuring continuity of education. Verizon's device ecosystem and network connectivity provide seamless remote learning experiences, allowing students to participate in virtual classes, access educational resources and communicate with teachers and classmates from almost anywhere.

Leveraging E-Rate program eligibility
The E-Rate program, administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), provides discounts on eligible telecommunications services, internet access and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries. By leveraging E-Rate eligibility, educational institutions can access significant cost savings on Verizon's network connectivity solutions, making technology more accessible and affordable.

Join Verizon in empowering education technology
Verizon is committed to bridging the gaps in education technology and empowering educators and students with the tools they need to succeed in the digital age. By offering a diverse range of devices, reliable network connectivity and leveraging E-Rate program eligibility, Verizon enables educational institutions to overcome their tech challenges and create innovative learning environments that foster student success.

Learn more:
Empower education with Verizon. Together, we can build a brighter future for learners everywhere.

For more information about Verizon's education technology solutions and E-Rate program eligibility, visit https://www.verizon.com/education.