

Bridging the Digital Divide in Greenwich

Greenwich Public Schools is piloting a program to provide internet access to students who do not have these in their homes.

In the highly competitive, overscheduled world, high school students who can only rely on public access internet options (e.g. GHS labs, public libraries) are at a significant disadvantage compared with peers who can obtain information and work at any hour in their home.

Students will receive a Verizon hotspot which will connect directly with the GPS Chromebook. The Verizon device will only be accessible to the Chromebook and not other electronic devices. Unlimited internet will be available through the end of the school year at which time the program will be reevaluated.

We are very excited to be taking these steps to help level the playing field for these students.

To nominate a student, please complete the attached form, with parental signature.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Lau, Program Director, at Jennifer_lau@greenwich.k12.ct.us or 203/413-8493

Greenwich Public Schools
Bridging the Digital Divide
Application and Information Form 2015-2016

Student Name _____ Student # _____

School _____ Grade _____ Student cell phone (if any) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Best way to reach Parent/Guardian: home phone cell phone email text

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Best time to reach: _____

of GPS siblings _____

Names and Grades of siblings: _____

Email to reach Parent/Guardian: _____

Does the student have a Smartphone? Yes no

Nominated by: _____

Organization: GHS WMS CMS EMS Elem _____

Relationship to student: _____

Please note any comments about the student or their situation.

MANDATORY Student Statement: Please describe where and when you currently use computers to complete schoolwork (public library, Boys and Girls Club, school, friends, relatives, etc.) Also describe how you hope that participating in the program will impact your schoolwork, and your family members. Feel free to include any other information that you think would be helpful.