

# Coudersport Area School District

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

I wanted to provide you with some information regarding gaining internet access at your home if you currently do not have it.

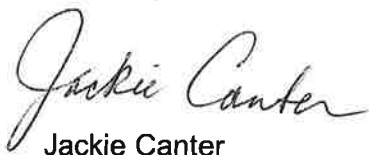
For families that live in regions of our district that do not have any access to any internet (no cell signal, no dsl, no cable, etc.) there is not a very good option to get internet during this time when ISPs are offering services. The best thing to do is to fill out the survey posted on our district website and get it to North Central to have your region put "on the map" of where Internet is still lacking.

For families that have access to only low bandwidth internet (like DSL and satellite) and high speed internet options (like cable, cell data) and it is not available at your home, you can fill out the online version of the survey here: <https://arcg.is/1iHGH>

And for families that have high speed internet available in their region, but do not subscribe to it, if you meet the poverty requirements, there are huge discounts available to you. Some providers even give the first month or two free. You should contact the ISP in your region (Could be companies like Zito, Comcast, Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, etc...) to see if you qualify and how you would obtain service.

I hope this helps you understand the process and to gain internet service.

Sincerely,

  
Jackie Canter



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To Whom It May Concern,

The North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission has received funding that will provide us the opportunity to identify and work towards resolving Unserved and Underserved broadband areas in our six county area (Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter).

In what has become known as the 'homework gap', an estimated 18% of students do not have access to any broadband internet at home. An additional 20% of students fall into the underserved category where speeds are just too slow to function in today's digital world. This puts two out of every five students potentially at an educational disadvantage.

With your help in completing the surveys through students, we can identify specific issues in our communities and, together, improve commodities that can help rural America grow. I look forward to hearing from you to set up a time to further discuss what next steps we can take to optimize the survey success.

Sincerely,

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### Broadband Survey Questions for Survey 1-2-3

1. Location Address where speed test will be conducted (OPTIONAL)
  - 123 Main Street, Any town, Pa 12345
2. Is this location
  - Residence
  - Business
3. If a Business, how important is an internet connection to your business?
  - Critical
  - Very Important
  - Somewhat Important
  - Not Important
4. Is there Internet Service available at this location?
  - Yes
  - No
5. If yes, What type of Service do you currently have?
  - Cable
  - DSL
  - Satellite
  - Cell Wireless
  - Other
6. Does your current Internet Service meet your need?
  - Yes
  - No
7. Speed Test - <https://www.speedtest.net/>
  - Date of Test
  - Time of Test
  - Ping (ms)
  - Download Speeds (Mbps)
  - Upload Speed (Mbps)
  - Server (Location)

Note: Please upload a screen capture of your speed test

8. Do you participate in online classes or work from home?