



NYS Education Dept. Digital Resources Survey

Digital Resources Survey Question Guidance May be used to Assist You with Responses

Overall:

“Device” is defined as a computing device, such as a laptop, desktop, Chromebook, iPad, or full-size tablet. “Device” for the purposes of this survey, is NOT a phone or mini tablet, nor is it a mobile internet access point, such as a MIFI.

“Dedicated” devices are devices that are not shared, where the student is allowed to take the device when they leave the school building to participate in learning outside of school. They are for single student use and are not shared with other students or household members.

“Sufficient” access means that the student does not regularly experience issues (slowdowns, buffering, disconnections, unreliable connection, etc.) while participating in required or assigned instruction and learning activities, as measured during peak household usage.

“Reliable” access should be judged against the goal of “All the Time” access, as indicated in the National Educational Technology Plan. The Plan states the expectation that technology-enabled learning should be available for all students, everywhere, all the time (NETP 2017).

Question 1: Did the school district issue student a dedicated school or district owned device for his/her use during the school year?
(Select "Yes" if a device was issued by OHM BOCES and/or student's home district.)

“Yes” means the school district issued the student a dedicated device to use at home.

“No” means that the school district has not issued a dedicated device to the student to use at home.

Question 2: What is the device student uses **most often** to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete his/her schoolwork.)

Choice can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete his/her schoolwork.

DESKTOP LAPTOP TABLET CHROMEBOOK SMARTPHONE NO DEVICE

Please select a response other than “No Device” if you previously responded “Yes” to Question 1.

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Question 3: Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete his/her schoolwork.)

“School” means that the school district provided the device for the student to use.

“Personal” means that the student uses a device not provided by the school district.

“No Device” means the student does not have a device to use.

You should answer “No Device” if you previously responded “No Device” to Question 2.

Question 4: Is the primary learning device (identified in question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?

“Shared” means multiple students/people share the device for school or work. This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete his/her schoolwork.

“Not Shared” means dedicated to one student. This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete his/her schoolwork.

“No Device” means the student does not have a device to use.

You should answer “No Device” if you previously responded “No Device” to Questions 2 and 3 respectively.

Question 5: Is the primary learning device (identified in question 2) sufficient for student to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?

“Yes” means the student has a sufficient device (a computer or computing device such as a laptop, desktop, Chromebook, or full-sized iPad or other tablet), that is able to connect to the internet (even if an internet connection is not always available); has a screen size of at least 9.7”; has a keyboard (on-screen or external) and a mouse, touchscreen, or touchpad; and can run all applications, allowing for full participation in learning without or with very limited issues.

“No” means that the student does not have a device that meets the criteria above.

You should answer “No” if you previously responded “No Device” to Questions 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

Question 6: Is student able to access the internet in his/her primary place of residence?

“Yes” means the student has internet access in his/her primary residence where the student typically resides.

“No” means the student does not have internet access in his/her primary residence.

Note: If student has multiple residences that share equal time, answer this question according to the residence that has the more limited access.

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Question 7: What is the primary type of internet service used in student's primary place of residence?

“Residential Broadband” means a high-bandwidth connection to the Internet at your home by using a cable (fiber or coaxial) connected to an Internet service provider such as Spectrum, AT+T, Frontier, etc.

“Cellular” means wireless Internet access delivered through cellular towers to computers and other devices. Uses your cell phone provider for internet access.

“Mobile Hotspot” means a wireless access point created by a dedicated hardware device or a smartphone feature that shares the phone's cellular data. For example, a cellphone or a device like a Kajeet, Verizon Jetpack, Netgear Nighthawk or MiFi.

“Community WiFi” means allowing Internet connection to visitors and guests using an existing Wi-Fi infrastructure in the community such as a library, café, hotel, etc.

“Satellite” means a wireless connection through the use of a satellite dish located on your property.

“Dial up” means a service that allows connectivity to the Internet by using a modem and a standard telephone line.

“DSL” (Digital Subscriber Line) means a high-speed bandwidth connection from a phone wall jack on an existing telephone network that works within the frequencies so you can use the Internet while making phone calls.

“Other” means none of the other choices apply.

“None” means that you do not have Internet access in your home.

You should answer “None” if you previously responded “No” to Question 6.

Question 8: In his/her primary residence, can student complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?

“Yes” means the student experiences very few or no interruptions in learning activities caused by poor internet performance in his/her primary place of residence.

“No” means the student regularly experiences interruptions and is unable to complete all learning activities due to poor internet performance in his/her primary place of residence or lack of internet access.

You should answer “No” if you previously responded “No” and “None” to Questions 6 and 7 respectively.

Question 9: What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in student's primary place of residence?

“Availability” means you cannot actually get fiber (or satellite or cell service) at your home.

“Cost” means the service available to your neighborhood is cost prohibitive.

“None” means that student has sufficient and reliable access to the internet.

“Other” means none of the other choices apply.

You should answer “None” if you previously responded “Yes” to Question 8.