

Five reasons why fast Internet benefits students

Being connected to fast Internet means greater access to information, and with broader access students have 100 times the possibilities.

1. New Ways of Learning

The web has created new, more mobile ways of learning through online tutorials and classrooms. Learning a new language or skill, such as computer programming or simply doing math exercises online, helps supplement and advances the curriculum learned in the classroom. Students also benefit from accessing these new ways of learning at home. The Federal Communications Commission reports that students with broadband at home have a 7% higher graduation rate.¹

2. Endless Research Opportunities

Access to online libraries, databases, and news articles quickly expands the amount of data students can directly apply to their studies. Studies have shown that increased Internet usage leads to higher test scores, including one school that achieved a 15% point increase on AP tests.²

3. Collaboration and Communication

With busy after-school schedules, finding time and a convenient place where everyone can meet gets hard. With the web, you can hold meetings, share ideas, and communicate at a time and location that works for your schedule. The current national average access speed per student is just 6.5 Kbps meaning cutting-edge education applications are inaccessible to most kids.³

4. Discover, Create, Design, Build

Exposure to new topics, accessibility to online tools and programs, and the freedom to experiment cultivates new passions and outlets to express these interests. Try some of our favorite knowledge-sharing resources next time you're online: Khan Academy, MIT Open Courseware, Wikipedia, The Google Art Project, Code Academy, and Google in Education. An expected 77% of jobs in the next decade will require technology skills.⁴

5. The Next Step: College, Internship, Job Search

Whether it's looking for jobs, internships, or colleges, students can explore these important "next steps" through the information available on the web. The Federal Communications Commission reports that already more than 80% of Fortune 500 companies require online job applications.⁵



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