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Resources for Districts on Internet Service Providers (ISPs) (Modified for Judson ISD)

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 1 As advertised online as of 7/10/2020 2 As advertised online and publicly available on company websites as of 7/10/2020



Sample Internet Service Provider offerings for qualifying low-income households³

Below details information on a few sample low-cost options for qualifying low-income households. School districts can support their highest need families by connecting them to affordable fixed internet plans like the ones seen below. Check the "ISP providers by county" resource on page 5 to determine, which providers service your area.

Provider	Plan	Price per month⁴	Upload Speed (Mbps)	Data	Eligibility	Website
AT&T	Access	\$10.00	25	150 GB or 1 TB	Access from AT&T provides wireline Home Internet to limited income households who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits in California. You'll receive the maximum speed available at your address. Includes a data allowance of 150GB or 1TB depending on speed available in your area. \$10 charge for each additional 50GB	https://w ww.att.co m/internet /access/
Charter Spectrum	Charter Spectrum "Internet Assist"	\$14.99	30	Unlimited	One or more members of your household must be a recipient of one of the following assistance programs: National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSL, Supplemental Security Income (for applicants age 65+ only)	https://w ww.spectr um.com/br owse/cont ent/spectr um- internet- assist
Grande	Internet First	\$9.95	25	Unlimited	May qualify if you agree a participant in public assistance programs like the National School Lunch Program, housing assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, and others. Have not subscribed to our services within the sixty (60) day period immediately prior to applying for the program	https://my grande.co m/internet -first

³As advertised online on 7/10/2020

⁴Additional fees including installation, data overage, etc. may apply

Lifeline Discount Program (for qualifying low-income households)

Per the Federal Communications Commission Website, Lifeline "typically provides up to a \$9.25 monthly discount on service for eligible low-income subscribers. Subscribers may receive a Lifeline discount on either a wireline or a wireless service, but they may not receive a discount on both services at the same time. Lifeline also supports broadband Internet access service and broadband-voice bundles. FCC rules prohibit more than one Lifeline service per household.

Lifeline is available to eligible low-income consumers in every state, commonwealth, territory, and on Tribal lands. The Lifeline program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). USAC is responsible for data collection and maintenance, support calculation, disbursements, and assisting consumers with Lifeline eligibility and enrollment for the program. USAC's website provides additional information regarding the program, including program requirements.

To participate in the Lifeline program, consumers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in certain federal assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Medicaid. You can see if you are eligible by reviewing the information available at lifelinesupport.org (see "<u>Do I Qualify</u>?")."⁵

School districts can support their families in enrolling for the Lifeline Discount program by helping them fill out an application online or assisting them by printing and sending through mail (more information <u>here</u>). After completing enrollment they can direct family members (<u>here</u>) to assist them in determining the providers in their area who accept Lifeline discounts.

⁵<u>https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/lifeline-support-affordable-communications</u>

ISP for Judson ISD area

School districts may wish to reference the information below to direct families to the internet service providers who service their county. Modified to just display Judson ISD students. Information provided by <u>Connected Nation Texas</u>

Bexar
Alamo Broadband, Inc.
AT&T Southwest
Bee Creek Communications, Inc.
Cascom
Charter Communications Inc
Comcast
commZoom
En-Touch Systems, Inc.
Frontier Communications Corporation
Google Fiber Texas, LLC
Grande Communications
Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative
GVEC.net
Phoenix Broadband
Rock Solid Internet & Telephone
Skybeam
Vivint Wireless, Inc.
VTXC
ZipLink Internet

Catalog of lowest-priced internet plans by ISP

School districts may use the information below to identify the lowest cost plans offered by each internet service provider servicing their county. Plans listed below do not have income eligibility requirements. Information provided based on availability on companies' public websites as of July 10, 2020. Please note that download and upload speeds below are not as fast as the 25 mbps download and 3 mbps upload speeds that are needed for synchronous learning.

PROVIDER	WEBSITE	ТҮРЕ		LOWEST	PER MONTH	DOWN LOAD SPEED (Mbps)	UPLOAD SPEED (Mbps)	DATA LIMITS (Gb)	INSTALLATION/ ACTIVATION FEE	PRICING DETAILS
Alamo Broadband, Inc.	http://www.alamobroadb Fix and.com Wi		l Iess	Company does	not provid	e set plan	s: "Pricing,	availability an	d installation cost v	ary based on location."
Alamo Broadband, Inc.	http://www.alamobroadb and.com	http://www.alamobroadb Fiber		/www.alamobroadb Fiber Company does not provide set plans: "Pricing, availability and in					d installation cost va	ary based on location."
AT&T Southwest	https://www.att.com/		DSL	Internet 10	\$49.95	10.00				
AT&T Southwest	https://www.att.com/		Fixed Wirel ess	Fixed Wireless Internet	\$49.99	10.00	1.0	250	\$99.00	
Bee Creek Communications, Inc.	https://www.beecreek.ne		Fixed Wirel ess	Residential Basic		3.00		Unlimited	\$79.00	
Cascom	https://castrovillecomp ers.com/		Fixed Wirel ess	Tier 1	\$54.99	3.00		Unlimited	\$99.00	
Charter Communicati ons Inc	https://www.spectrum.co m/	D	Fiber	Spectrum Internet	\$49.99	400.00) 200.0	Unlimited		Spectrum gives FREE modem, FREE antivirus software, and NO cap data usage.
Comcast	https://www.xfinity.con	n/	Cable	Performance Pro	\$39.99	200.00)	Unlimited	FREE Installation	Includes \$10/month automatic payments and paperless billing discount for 24 months

Comcast	https://www.xfinity.con	n/ Fiber	GigaBit	\$79.99	1000		Unlimited	FREE Installation	Includes \$10/month automatic payments and paperless billing discount for 24 months
commZoom	https://commzoom.com	/ Cable	Residential Internet Package	\$24.95	10.00	1.0	Unlimited	FREE Installation	FREE Modem
En-Touch Systems, Inc.	https://www.entouch.n /	et Fiber	Internet \$29.95	\$29.95	60.00	10.0			
Frontier Communicati ons Corporation	https://frontier.com/	DSL	High-Speed Internet	I \$27.99	25.00	6.0	Unlimited		Plus \$10/mo. Wi-Fi router service fee
Frontier Communicati ons Corporation	https://frontier.com/	Fiber	FiOS Internet	\$29.99	500.00) 20.0	Unlimited		Plus \$10/mo. Wi-Fi router service fee
Google Fiber Texas, LLC	https://fiber.google.com	n Fiber	Fiber 1000	\$70.00	1000.0 0) 1000.0	Unlimited	FREE Installation	Includes: WiFi, modem, firewall, and additional network controls
Grande Communica tions	https://mygrande.com/	Cable	300 Mbps Internet	\$35.99	300.00) 20.0	Unlimited		No Contracts
Grande Communicati ons	https://mygrande.com/	Fiber	940 Mbps Internet	\$69.99	940.00) 50.0	Unlimited		No Contracts
Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative	https://gvtc.com/	L Company do	es not provid	de set plan	s: "Pricing,	availability an	d installation cost v	l ary based on location."	
Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative	https://gvtc.com/	Fiber	Fiber Internet	\$59.95	500.00	250.0	Unlimited		Includes GVTC Premium WiFi

GVEC.net	https://www.gvec.net/	Fixed	Fast	\$34.95	1.00	1.0	Unlimited	The activation fee	GVEC.net offers a router
		Wireless						is \$99	for an additional \$6
									monthly rental fee

GVEC.net	https://www.gvec.net/	Fiber	Fastest	\$64.95	100.00	100.0	Unlimited	The activation fee is \$99	GVEC.net offers a router for an additional \$6 monthly rental fee
Phoenix Broadband	http://www.iatascosa.co m/	Fixed Wireless	Essential Basic	\$59.95	2.00	0.8	50	No Contract: \$50 Activation Fee	Additional transfers: \$1 per GB
Rock Solid Internet & Telephone	https://www.getrsi.com/	Fixed Wireless	Basic	\$39.99	10.00			Prices do not include applicable sales taxes and governmental fees.	
VTXC	http://www.vtx1.net/	Fixed Wireless	Residential Wireless Internet	\$34.99	25.00	10.0		\$95 Installation Charge – An additional charge applies for each in-home data jack and set-top box installed for the customer. Restrictions may apply. Eligibility is based on service address. Service requires Broadband package.	(Pricing for first 12 months.)
ZipLink Internet	https://www.ziplinkintern et.com/	Fixed Wireless	10/2		10.00	2.0			Need to call for pricing.