

Mobile Beacon's Donation Program Helps Schools Meet Growing Broadband Demands

Students, faculty, and IT staff agree that the 21st-century learning environment is defined by access: wireless access, resource access, and access to each other. In fact, the FCC has said that "broadband has greater potential to transform education than any other technological innovation in our lifetime."

The challenge is that our nation's educational broadband needs are rapidly growing while schools are facing unprecedented budget cuts. According to the FCC's recent survey of E-Rate funded schools, nearly 80 percent of schools reported that their broadband connections were inadequate to meet their current needs. Outside of school, many students and families rely on their schools and local libraries for internet access as nearly one-third of Americans do not have high-speed internet access at home.

To help address these challenges, Mobile Beacon became the first mobile broadband service provider to make its 4G modems available to schools, libraries, and nonprofits through TechSoup's Product Donation Program.

Organizations can receive up to ten free 4G modems per fiscal year.

In disaster recovery states (CT, NJ, NY, and RI), this donation has been expanded even further to a total of 25 free devices to help schools and nonprofits rebuild in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. All associated data plans for these 4G devices provide unlimited access for only \$10/month, so there are never any data caps or overage charges.

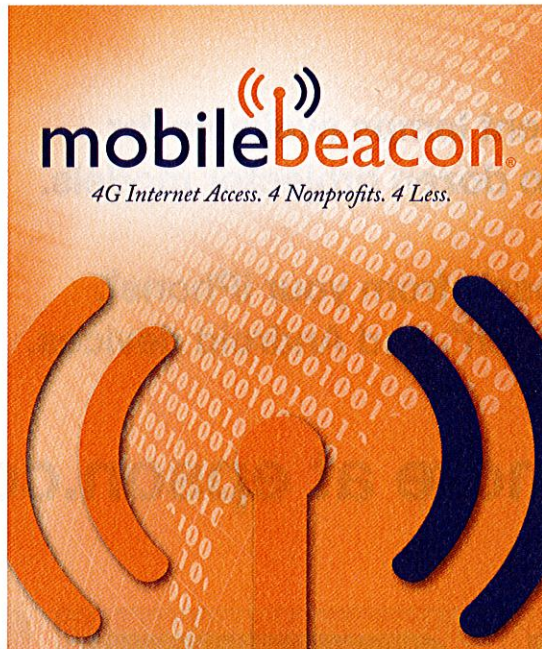
Affordable access is the stepping stone for schools to meet a variety of targeted needs:

Enhancing Curriculum & Student Engagement

Like many private schools, Holy Rosary School in Tacoma, WA, had seen declining enrollment in recent years. The school had been in danger of closing and needed to reverse the trend quickly.

Mobile Beacon's 4G service helped Holy Rosary set up a new wireless network, enabling them to expand curriculum opportunities. For example, students who

tested out of pre-algebra could use the network during math class to take an online algebra class. They also implemented Rosetta Stone® Classroom so each student could choose from five foreign languages and soon take part in a full language immersion program. After announcing the exciting new curriculum and technology enhancements, enrollment nearly doubled. Dr. Timothy Uhl, Principal, said Mobile Beacon's service "has been part of a transformation of our school."



Creating a "Fail-Safe" Network

In addition to curriculum opportunities, Mobile Beacon's service has other practical applications. For example, St. Theresa Catholic School in Austin, TX, was interested in using Mobile Beacon's service to provide access to unwired parts of their campus and create a back-up internet source in case their primary internet service went down.

A few weeks after receiving their new Mobile Beacon modems, a lightning storm hit and shut down their network. Within ten minutes, the school was able to switch over to Mo-

bile Beacon's 4G service to restore access, which enabled them to maintain connectivity throughout the day.

Expanding Learning Opportunities

St. Mary's Grade School in Salina, KS, uses Mobile Beacon's service to integrate more technology into the classroom. The teachers have been impressed with the speed and reliability of Mobile Beacon's 4G service, which is often faster than their other internet service for video streaming and multimedia content in the classroom.

St. Mary's has also taken advantage of the technology to launch a loaner program for disadvantaged or at-risk students who do not have internet access at home. Now families can check out laptops and modems to participate in online tutoring, complete online assignments, conduct research, and do class work from home.

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