

Now What?

Make the connection. To learn more about AlleghenyCONNECT, contact Tim Devlin, program director at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, at timothy.devlin@aiu3.net or 412.394.4533.



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What is AlleghenyCONNECT?

AlleghenyCONNECT is a telecommunications network that links area schools over high-speed broadband connections. AlleghenyCONNECT is designed to send and receive administrative and instructional applications, such as video content and educational software.

Who Is Connected?

As of July 1, 2009, 35 public school districts and four technical and career centers will be connected to AlleghenyCONNECT. This means that almost 100,000 public school students in 165 schools will have access to cutting edge, interactive, video conferencing technology that will enable them to communicate with peers and educators throughout the state, country and world. By July 1, 2010, an additional nine school districts, one technical center and over 24,000 students will be connected to the network.

What Is The Difference Between the "Regular" Internet and AlleghenyCONNECT?

On average, most school computer networks operate with a bandwidth of 10 megabits per second. AlleghenyCONNECT will increase this speed to 1,000 megabits per second and, among other capabilities, will enable districts to connect to Internet2. This new network is essentially a paradigm shift, and will expand educational possibilities for teachers, administrators and students.

What Can I Do With AlleghenyCONNECT?

The applications are diverse.. For example, AlleghenyCONNECT may enable one school district to host professional development workshops. A second district may choose to invite a surgeon from Maine to discuss anatomy with high school students. A third location may choose to take a field trip to the San Diego Zoo, and children never have to leave their classrooms. The possibilities are endless

So What? Why Should I Care About AlleghenyCONNECT?

AlleghenyCONNECT helps our kids truly be their best. Education has changed, and AlleghenyCONNECT helps districts give all students, including those in distressed communities, the opportunities to develop the skills they will need for the 21st century global marketplace.

AlleghenyCONNECT helps school district save money by allowing them to acquire better educational resources at lower prices through, among other means, consortium purchasing.

AlleghenyCONNECT helps educators find and utilize the resources that community organizations can provide. Schools and students are strengthened through community partnerships.

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