



INTRODUCING

The EmpowerED™ Program

T-Mobile's EmpowerED program aims to narrow America's homework gap by providing off-campus devices and data plans to students at eligible schools and districts. To apply, download the application and share how this program would benefit your students.



EmpowerED™ Award

Expanding digital access. Narrowing the homework gap.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Thomasville City Schools

Date: 12/4/18

of devices: 1225 # of lines: 1225 # of schools: 2

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Program details

THE CHALLENGE:

Many families in the U.S. don't have high-speed Internet at home. This problem is called the Digital Divide. But to succeed academically and compete in today's digital world, every student needs equal access to online learning. Without this access, disconnected students can fall behind their wired peers, creating the Homework Gap.

THE OPPORTUNITY:

Mobile access has the power to close the Homework Gap. T-Mobile plans to narrow the divide with EmpowerED™, a program that provides wireless devices and service plans to help students and schools succeed.

Bridging the Digital Divide and Homework Gap

THE PLAN:

1. **December:** Purchase Chromebook Devices + Carrying Cases for 6-12 Students
2. **December/January:** Prepare & Setup Devices
3. **January:** School, Student and Parent Information Meetings
4. **Late February:** Laptop & Hotspot Device Pickup Day
5. **Late February:** T-Mobile Data Plan begins to provide Internet Access via Mifi Hotspot Device during school months for 2 years

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EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Student successes in ALL areas of learning and achievement

- a. Research, Projects, Presentations
- b. Core Academic Areas + the Arts + STEM
- c. College and Career Planning
- d. Close learning gaps by being able to practice skills away from school using quality educational websites, apps and programs.
- e. Personalize learning for ALL Students:
 - i. English Learners
 - ii. Exceptional Children
 - iii. Academically Gifted Students

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EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Student access 24/7 to an Internet-connected device for homework while...

- a. At home
- b. On the bus
- c. Around town throughout the community
- d. At local organizations, businesses, community centers



Hardware & Equipment = \$245,000

T-Mobile Hot Spots (Internet)=\$117,600

T-Mobile Total Project Award

\$362,600



Hardware & Equipment = \$34,750

T-Mobile Hot Spots (Internet)=\$176,400

TCS Total Project Costs

\$211,150