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**Florida Broadband Initiative**  
**Florida Broadband Map**

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# Division of Telecommunications

- **Within the Department of Management Services**
  - Provides quality and cost-effective telecommunications and radio services statewide to public entities.
  - One telecommunications service is the Internet access and data transport service known as the Florida Information Resource Network or FIRN.
    - Currently 49 school districts buy off of the FIRN contract.
  - Division of Telecommunications is also responsible for the Florida Broadband Initiative.

# Florida Broadband Map

- **Broadband Mapping Tool**

- The Florida Broadband Map was developed through a federal grant intended to identify unserved and underserved areas in Florida for stimulus funding to encourage broadband adoption.
- Maps all broadband data submitted by service providers in the State of Florida.
- Displays broadband technology available to schools, federal E-rate funding information by district and the bandwidth subscription in comparison to the state standard by district.

<http://map.broadbandfla.com/>

# E-rate

- **What is E-rate?**

- Subsidy allocated from the Universal Service Fund (USF) administered by the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC)
- Started in 1997, the USF fee is collected on telephone bills and remitted to USAC by the service provider

- **What does it pay for?**

- Up to 90% of the cost for eligible technology services provided to qualifying schools and libraries

# Functionality of the Florida Broadband Map

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## Data Layers

- Broadband service coverage include cable, DSL, fiber, fixed wireless and mobile wireless
- Number of wireline and wireless providers by location
- Individual provider coverage areas
- Unserved areas by cable, DSL, fiber, fixed wireless, mobile wireless and unserved by both wireline and wireless
- Inadequate broadband service coverage location
- Mapped community anchor institutions (CAIs) which include government and non-government support, libraries, medical and healthcare facilities, public safety, schools and universities
- E-rate information includes requested and committed funding by school district and fiscal year
- Census demographics by county
- County, census block, region and House and Senate district boundaries
- Urban and rural identification

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## Tools

- Zoom to location by address, push pin, municipality, county or region
- Speed test functionality to test the user's current connection speed
- Bookmarks, search functionality, printing and feedback capabilities
- Streetview widget allows for viewing locations from a street level perspective
- DrawMeasure allows the user to determine distance between points and the area of selected locations

# Future Functionality of the Florida Broadband Map

- The map can be customized in various ways to show specific details such as:
  - District and school compliance with state bandwidth\*
  - Changes in bandwidth subscription and infrastructure based on state funding\*
  - Yearly compliance at the district and school level\*
  - Compliance requirements
  - Number of students\*
  - Connection speeds\*
  - Connection type: fiber, DSL and cable\*
  - Infrastructure and components of the connection\*
  - Other details as determined\*

\* Information and data which need to be available to DMS to provide map layers

# Services Provided by State Resources

- Per Title 47 U.S. Code 222
- Every telecommunications carrier has a duty to protect the confidentiality of customers including network information such as :
  - Quantity
  - Configuration
  - Type
  - Destination
  - Location
  - Usage Amount
- If network capacity is provided through State of Florida contracts this information be accurately captured, tracked, and displayed on the map with certainty.



# Questions?

# Education Technology Infrastructure Costs

