Re: 2021-2022 NYSED Digital Equity Survey

Dear Families,

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our K-12 students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians of K-12 students to complete a Digital Equity survey for your household. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please complete the attached survey by **Sunday, October 31, 2021.**

This survey is being conducted internally by the Orchard Park Central School District Technology Department and no outside survey groups will have access to this information.

If you have any questions or concerns with the survey, please email technology@opschools.org or contact the main office of your child’s school.

I value our partnership in ensuring the success of all students.

Sincerely,

David Lilleck
Superintendent of Schools
Digital Equity Survey

Question 1: Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?
Responses: YES NO

Question 2: What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
Responses: DESKTOP LAPTOP TABLET CHROMEBOOK SMARTPHONE NO DEVICE

Question 3: Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
Responses: SCHOOL PERSONAL NO DEVICE

Question 4: Is the primary learning device (identified in question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?
Responses: SHARED NOT SHARED NO DEVICE

Question 5: Is the primary learning device (identified in question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?
Responses: YES NO

Question 6: Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?
Responses: YES NO

Question 7: What is the primary type of internet service used in your child’s primary place of residence?
Responses: RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND CELLULAR MOBILE HOTSPOT COMMUNITY WIFI SATELLITE DIAL UP DSL OTHER NONE

Question 8: In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?
Responses: YES NO

Question 9: What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child’s primary place of residence?
Responses: AVAILABILITY COST NONE OTHER
Guidance for Answering Questions 5, 6 and 7 on the Digital Equity Survey

**Question 5:** Is the primary learning device (identified in question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?

“Y” means the student has a sufficient device (a computer or computing device such as a laptop, desktop, Chromebook, or full-sized iPad or other tablet), that is able to connect to the internet (even if an internet connection is not always available); has a screen size of at least 9.7”; has a keyboard (on-screen or external) and a mouse, touchscreen, or touchpad; and can run all applications, allowing for full participation in learning without or with very limited issues.

“N” means that the student does not have a device that meets the criteria above.

*You should answer “No” if you previously responded “No Device” to Questions 2, 3, and 4 respectively.*

**Question 6:** Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?

“Y” means the student has internet access in their primary residence where the student typically resides.

“N” means the student does not have internet access in their primary residence.

Note: If student has multiple residences that share equal time, answer this question according to the residence that has the more limited access

**Question 7:** What is the primary type of internet service used in your child’s primary place of residence?

“Broadband” means a high-bandwidth connection to the Internet at your home by using a cable (fiber or coaxial) connected to an Internet service provider such as Spectrum, AT&T, Frontier, etc.

“Cellular” means wireless Internet access delivered through cellular towers to computers and other devices. Uses your cell phone provider for internet access.

“Mobile Hotspot” means a wireless access point created by a dedicated hardware device or a smartphone feature that shares the phone’s cellular data. For example, a cellphone or a device like a Kajeet, Verizon Jetpack, Netgear Nighthawk or MiFi.

“Community WiFi” means allowing Internet connection to visitors and guests using an existing Wi-Fi infrastructure in the community such as a library, café, hotel, etc.

“Satellite” means a wireless connection through the use of a satellite dish located on your property.

“Dial up” means a service that allows connectivity to the Internet by using a modem and a standard telephone line.

“DSL” Digital Subscriber Line means a high-speed bandwidth connection from a phone wall jack on an existing telephone network that works within the frequencies so you can use the Internet while making phone calls.

“Other” means none of the other choices apply

“None” means that you do not have Internet access in your home.

*You should answer “None” if you previously responded “No” to Question 6.*