SUPPORT FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY

The Office of Digital Learning supports the expansion of digital learning capacity and literacy to advance learning for every student in the Commonwealth. In partnership with MassIT, the Commonwealth’s Information Technology Office, ODL provides policies, guidance, professional development and support in the following areas: district technology and infrastructure capacity, classroom level instructional tools, assistive technology resources, virtual schools and online courses, and emerging digital learning trends.

DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

Through a partnership with the Department, MassIT, and the Executive Office of Education, Education Superhighway, a national nonprofit, works with districts to understand their technology goals and find a broadband solution that ensures students get the connectivity needed to meet those goals. All tools and services are free of charge.

FEDERAL DISCOUNTS

The E-rate program, administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), provides technology discounts between 20 to 85 percent to schools and libraries. The Department provides information, tools, and technical assistance to districts in filing for and receiving E-rate reimbursements.

BUNDLED SOLUTIONS

The Department and MassIT are finalizing a statewide procurement that provides special K-12 pricing for "bundled" technology solutions (consisting of a device plus the ability to choose from a menu of other products and services). The goal of the program is to bring greater transparency to technology purchasing and to incentivize bulk purchasing by consortia of districts.

QUESTIONS?

For all inquiries regarding the above supports, contact the Office of Digital Learning or sign up for the Office of Digital Learning listserv.

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