

### **About the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program:**

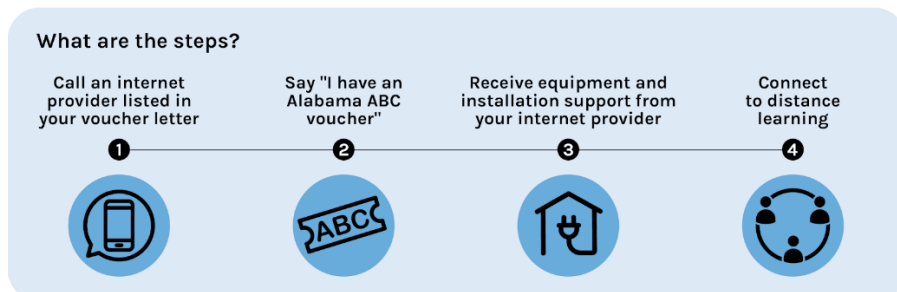
Governor Kay Ivey has committed \$100 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to deliver free internet access to eligible K-12 students in their homes this fall. The State of Alabama is using the funds to purchase internet service for low-income households with K-12 students so students can participate in distance learning. This service is being administered through the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program.

Students in Alabama that are **enrolled in the National School Lunch Program** through their school are automatically eligible for the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program (ABC for Students Program). The letter you will receive serves as a prepaid voucher from the ABC for Students Program and covers the cost of equipment, installation, and high-speed internet service through December 30, 2020. The voucher can be used once, with one internet service provider, to sign up for service for the duration of the program. Enrolled households will not receive any bills and will not be charged any additional fees by the internet service provider.

### **If the address for your student has changed, please contact their school to update their address for the National School Lunch Program.**

If your child is eligible to receive free high-speed internet service through the ABC for Students Program, *voucher letters could be received as early as Monday, August 24, 2020, for qualified students but many will not be mailed until after August 31.* This letter will contain your prepaid voucher number which you can use for free high-speed internet service through December 30, 2020. It will also list internet service providers that you can call to set up your service.

Once you receive your voucher letter, follow the steps below to get your students ready to participate in distance learning this fall. You will not be able to start the program until you receive the voucher letter.



## Program Details:

- Your voucher covers the cost of equipment, installation fees, and internet service through December 30, 2020.
- Activation steps vary by internet service provider.
- You can use your voucher one time only, as described in the letter. **It cannot be used in a retail store.**
- If your address is incorrect, call your student's school.** Eligibility for the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program is based on enrollment in the **National School Lunch Program**, which is handled by your child's school.

The voucher is intended for students who are eligible for the **National School Lunch Program**. By using the voucher, you will be confirming that you meet the income requirements of the **National School Lunch Program, which is limited to households earning \$48,470 or less** for a family of four. Please do not use the voucher if your household is not income eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Your attention to this will help ensure that households that need help connecting will receive it.


## Do you have questions or need assistance in Spanish?

Call the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program at 1-888-212-4998 or visit their website at [www.abcstudents.org](http://www.abcstudents.org) (website also available in Vietnamese and Lao).

*Voucher letters could be received as early as Monday, August 24, 2020, for qualified students. These vouchers can be used by their parents for free high-speed internet service through December 30, 2020.*

**How will you recognize this letter? The front of the envelope will say: "To the parents of...." followed by the eligible child's name.**

A sample letter is below:



To the parent or guardian of:  
555 Pearl Drive, Apt 555  
Weaver, AL, 35555-5555

Your household is eligible to receive free high-speed internet service through the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program. Follow the steps below to get your student set up to participate in distance learning this fall.

**What are the steps?**


- Call an internet provider from the list below.
- Say "I have an Alabama ABC voucher".
- Receive equipment and installation support from your internet provider.
- Connect to distance learning.

**Internet service providers to call:**

- Internet Service Provider 1: 555-555-5555
- Internet Service Provider 2: 555-555-5555
- Internet Service Provider 3: 555-555-5555
- Internet Service Provider 4: 555-555-5555
- Internet Service Provider 5: 555-555-5555
- Internet Service Provider 6: 555-555-5555

If a service provider says they cannot provide service, call a number from the list above. If none of those are available at your address, call 1-888-212-4998.

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**Alabama Broadband Connectivity for students**

**About the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program:**

Governor Kay Ivey has awarded \$50 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to help fund internet access to eligible students in their homes this fall. The State of Alabama is using the funds to purchase internet service for low-income households with K-12 students to study to complete distance learning. This service is being administered through the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program.

Students in Alabama that are enrolled in the National School Lunch Program through their school are automatically eligible for the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program. This letter comes as a paper voucher from the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program and covers the cost of equipment, installation, and high-speed internet service through December 31, 2020. The voucher can be used once with one internet service provider, as long as the user is for the duration of the program. Certain households will not receive any bills and will not be charged any additional fees by the internet service provider.

If the address for your student has changed, please contact their school to update their address for the National School Lunch Program.

If you have received this letter in error, please destroy it. This letter and the voucher are intended for students who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program. If you are not receiving this letter, you may want to check income requirements for the National School Lunch Program, which is limited to households earning \$48,470 or less for a year of 12 months. Please do not use this voucher if your household is not income eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Your attention to this will help ensure that households that need help connecting will receive it.

If you are unable to visit a store, call your school or the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program. If you are unable to visit a store, call your school or the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program.

**Program Enrollment Details:**

- Your voucher covers the cost of equipment, installation fees, and internet service through December 31, 2020.
- Additional steps vary by internet service provider.
- You can use your voucher one time only, as described in this letter. It cannot be used in a retail store.
- If your address is incorrect, call your student's school.

**Do you have questions or need assistance in Vietnamese or Lao?** Call the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students Program at 1-888-212-4998 or visit us at [www.abcstudents.org](http://www.abcstudents.org) (website also available in Vietnamese and Lao).