



# Digital Equity

Supporting students and families in achieving digital equity:  
In school, at home, and throughout the community.



Nearly **\$4 billion** yearly is dedicated to improving Internet access to schools, yet a **digital divide** still remains:

**5 million** households with school-age children do not have high-speed internet service at home. Low-income households — and especially black and Hispanic homes — make up a disproportionate share of that 5 million.

**75%** of school systems surveyed do not have any off campus strategies for providing connectivity to students at home and after school.

Pew Research Center, 2014

Join innovative leaders in schools nationwide as they partner with business and community groups to narrow the access gap. The **Digital Equity Toolkit** can help you get underway with case studies, survey templates, and more! For more information about Digital Equity, go to [www.cosn.org/digital-equity](http://www.cosn.org/digital-equity)

42%

of teachers indicate that their students lack sufficient access to technology outside of the classroom.

50%

of all students said they were unable to complete a homework assignment because they lacked access to the Internet or a computer.

88%

of respondents stated that affordability was the biggest barrier for families lacking Internet access at home.

