

Broadband for Minnesota Schools

Minnesota Schools Requests for Telecommunications/Internet Equity Aid 2009 - 2016

For most Minnesota schools, the issue with broadband isn't a lack of access, but is, instead, the inequity in costs depending on your geographic location in the state AND the increasing need for bandwidth in teaching and learning. Telecommunications/Internet Equity Aid provides funding to close the inequity gap and allow districts to afford bandwidth increases.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Request	7,534,558	7,992,538	8,570,206	8,105,138	8,537,242	8,510,548	9,054,092	9,029,797
Funding	7,534,558	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000
Proration	100.00%	46.60%	43.80%	46.20%	43.78%	43.80%	41.40%	41.26%

About \$200,000 per year increase

Projection

2016	9,250,000
2017	9,450,000
2018	9,650,000
2019	9,850,000
2020	10,050,000
2021	10,250,000

- Increasing Telecommunications/Internet Equity Aid by **\$6million** would fully fund broadband in schools for approximately **three years**.

- Increasing Telecommunications/Internet Equity Aid by **\$7million** would fully fund broadband in schools for approximately **five to seven**

