

## Internet Access and Devices (INET)

The purpose of this document is to inform data submitters of helpful tips to accurately report internet access and devices. This document provides key definitions that are crucial to the module and answers frequently asked questions to assist data submitters.

- INET-1: Internet Access and Devices
- INET-2: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices
- INET-3: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Needed for Remote Learning
- INET-4: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Received for Remote Learning

In addition, guidance on accurately reporting zeroes, blanks (i.e., nulls), and **Not Submitted (NS)** is provided at the end of the document.

### Dates

Unless otherwise instructed, report data from the 2023-24 school year. The data reported should be based on the entire 2023-24 regular school year, not including intersession or summer.

### Resource Links

- [CRDC Resource Center Training Videos](#)

**DATA ELEMENT CHANGES  
FROM THE 2021-22 CRDC**

**REQUIRED**

- **INET-3:** Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Needed for Remote Learning
- **INET-4:** Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Received for Remote Learning

## REQUIRED FOR 2023-24 CRDC (was OPTIONAL for the 2021-22 CRDC)

### INET-3: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Needed for Remote Learning

All schools and justice facilities, preschool-grade 12, UG

**For the regular 2023-24 school year (not including intersession or summer) enter the number of students in preschool and grades K-12 (or the ungraded equivalent) who needed Wi-Fi enabled devices from the school for student learning use.**

	Number of Students
Number of students who needed Wi-Fi enabled devices	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Number of students who needed a Wi-Fi hotspot	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Figure 1. INET-3: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Needed for Remote Learning table

### INET-4: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Received for Remote Learning

All schools and justice facilities, preschool-grade 12, UG

**For the regular 2023-24 school year (not including intersession or summer) enter the number of students in**

preschool and grades K-12 (or the ungraded equivalent) who received Wi-Fi enabled devices from the school for student learning use.

	Number of Students
Number of students who needed Wi-Fi enabled devices	<input type="text"/>
Number of students who needed a Wi-Fi hotspot	<input type="text"/>

Figure 2. INET-4: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices and Hotspot Received for Remote Learning table

## KEY DEFINITIONS

**Broadcast** refers to instruction provided via live or taped broadcast over open air, closed circuit, or cable television systems.

**Correspondence** refers to instruction provided via hard or electronic copy or other media (CD, DVD, video cassette) and students work at their own pace, but generally under supervision of the LEA. This includes “packet” programs.

**Devices (Internet Access)** refers to items that can be used to access the Internet, such as desktop, laptop, or notebook computers, tablets, smartphones, or other portable devices.

**Fiber-optic connection** refers to a fiber-optic cable that is a high-speed data transmission medium that is used to connect to the Internet.

**Interactive audio/video** refers to instruction provided via remote interactive receiver or via streaming media technologies.

**Internet** refers to an electronic communications network that connects computer networks and organizational computer facilities around the world.

**Online** refers to instruction provided through a website, web application, or app on an Internet connected device.

**Remote instruction** refers to non-face-to-face (i.e., not in-person) instruction during which teachers and students are separated by location. Remote instruction may include synchronous (i.e., live) instruction or asynchronous (i.e., non-live) instruction provided by teachers. Non-face-to-face instruction may include broadcast, correspondence, interactive audio/video, and online instruction mediums.

**Student Learning** refers to student use for homework or projects outside of the classroom.

**Wi-Fi** refers to a wireless local area network technology that uses radio waves to connect computers and other devices to each other and to the Internet.

**Wi-Fi enabled devices** refers to devices that can connect to the Internet when there is a wireless local area network connection available.

### KEY DEFINITIONS (continued)

**Wi-Fi hotspot** allows for one or more students to access a Wi-Fi network to connect to the Internet when not at school. A Wi-Fi hotspot can be created in a place (e.g., home, public library) using a hotspot portable device that converts a cellular signal into a Wi-Fi network to connect one or more additional devices to the Internet.

### INET-1: Internet Access and Devices

All schools and justice facilities, preschool-grade 12, UG

#### Instructions for the Fall 2023 snapshot date:

- "Students" refers to those in preschool and grades K-12 (or the ungraded equivalent).
- For schools that complete Directional Indicator 1 (DIND-1) and select option "B. We offered only remote instruction because of the coronavirus pandemic," AND complete Directional Indicator 2 (DIND-2) and select option "B. Students were not physically in the school setting," the "student-owned devices" the item below does not apply.
- For schools that complete the SCHR-1: Fully Virtual School Indicator and select "Yes," the "student-owned devices" the item below does not apply.

For the Fall 2023 Year snapshot date, please select "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Permitted Values: Yes or No
Is this school connected to <a href="#">Internet</a> through a <a href="#">fiber-optic connection</a> ?	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Does this school have <a href="#">Wi-Fi</a> access in every classroom?	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Does this school allow students to take home school-issued devices that can be used to access the <a href="#">Internet</a> for <a href="#">student learning</a> ?	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Does this school allow students to bring to school student-owned devices that can be used to access the <a href="#">Internet</a> for classroom or <a href="#">student learning</a> ?	<input type="button" value="v"/>

Figure 3. INET-1: Internet Access and Devices Table

### INET-2: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices

All schools and justice facilities, preschool-grade 12, UG

For the Fall 2023 snapshot date, enter the number of Wi-Fi enabled devices provided by the school to students in preschool and grades K-12 (or the ungraded equivalent) for classroom or student learning use.

	Number of Devices
Wi-Fi enabled devices provided by the school to students	<input type="text"/>

Figure 4. INET 2: Wi-Fi Enabled Devices Table

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Would hotspot devices count as devices used to access the internet for student learning?**

Yes.

**2. What dates should be used when reporting the INET data?**

Report data based on October 1 (or the closest school day to October 1).

## When to Report Zero (0)

If data are available and applicable for a given school or local educational agency (LEA), but no students fall in that category, then report 0.

## Not Applicable (NA)

The online tool populates information that has been entered in other tables and modules and uses that information to populate related tables with either a **Not Applicable (NA)** code or zero (0), where appropriate. For example, if it is reported that a school does not have any females who are **English Learners (EL)**, other tables that ask for counts of females who are **EL** will be automatically populated with a zero.

## When to Use Null Values

When entering data on screen, if a data element does not apply, then leave the cell null (i.e., blank).

## When to Use NS

There may be situations where a data value was incorrectly uploaded and needs to be deleted. A null value (i.e., blank) in a file upload will not overwrite an existing value in a field, so in these cases, submit the value **NS** to return the data to a **not submitted** or **null** status. **Note: NS only applies to file uploads and is not used in on-screen data entry.**

## When Data is Not Collected or Available

Contact the Partner Support Center to determine if the LEA will need to submit an [Action Plan](#).

## Contact the Partner Support Center

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