

Emergency Connectivity Funded Devices



What is ECF?

In March 2021, the FCC enabled the inception of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), which will enable schools to provide access to internet service and laptops or tablets to connect students and teachers that lack adequate broadband access necessary to support remote learning.

Who can receive an ECF device?

Actively enrolled students whose parents have confirmed an unmet need for the students on device.lausd.net and teachers that have also confirmed they have an unmet need on device.lausd.net. Unmet need is determined when parents and teachers confirm that without a District-provided computing device, students and teachers are not able to participate in online learning when away from school.

What is this device for?

It's primarily for home use/remote learning for students and teachers that have identified an unmet need at home.

Can the ECF device be taken to school?

Students may bring their ECF device to school.

Can student have two devices?

No. Students may use one device at home and a different one at school but should not have multiple District devices at home. If the student already has a District-issued device at home, they should either not accept the ECF device, or return their previously issued device to the school.

Will carts be provided to store devices?

No, the school can follow their current device use model.

If the student no longer needs the ECF device, what are the next steps?

Please inform your ITD technician and they will collect the device from your site and update Remedy.

Is the form still available? Can students request an ECF device?

Yes. However, the unmet need is identified by how the parents answer the questionnaire at device.lausd.net.

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Is the device assigned to the school?

No, the device does not count towards the school's inventory. They will be in a separate container.

What if the device is lost/stolen? How can we update the device if it's not in our inventory?

If the device is lost/stolen, you may update the status in Remedy. The system will allow you to update even if the device is not assigned to your school. Once it's reported lost/stolen, please coordinate with IDM to have student issued a device from the schools inventory.

What if the device is damaged?

Unfortunately, ECF replacements are not available. Please inform your ITD technician and they will collect the device from your site and update Remedy.

Does the student have to return the device to the District?

Yes. The student can keep the ECF device during the summer, and as long as they are actively enrolled. Upon graduation or withdrawal from the District, the device must be returned to the school.

What is the difference between ECF devices and student refresh devices?

ECF devices are meant to go home with the student. Student Refresh devices are assigned to your school and are to be collected once the student transfers or matriculates to another school.