

Broadband for K-12 Education and Public Libraries



HOW WE DO IT, HOW WE USE IT, AND HOW
WE PAY FOR IT

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The Learning Network of Minnesota History



- Established in 1993 for higher education
- Expanded to include K-12 and public libraries 1995
- Governed by the Minnesota Education Telecommunications Council (METC)
 - Multi-agency advisory board established in law
 - Both legislative houses, K-12 public schools, public libraries, Department of Administration, Department of Children, Families & Learning, Minnesota Office of Higher Education Services, University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Private college Council
 - Expired in statute 2005

METC



- Develop plans for use of distance learning technologies
- Recommend long-term governance and structure
- Recommend education policy on telecommunications
- Set network use priorities
- Oversee coordination of the network
- Determine priorities for telecommunications funding

How we do it



- Cooperatively
- Telecommunications Access Clusters
 - Network management, maintenance and support
 - E-rate application support
 - Coordination of distance learning programs
 - Aggregation of service
 - Cooperative, shared service purchasing
 - Applications for life-long learning
 - Technology integration with curriculum
 - Anchor tenants
- Map and website: <http://www.mitnmn.ning.com>

How we use it



- Distance Learning
 - Videoconferencing for classes
 - ✦ Foreign languages, calculus, health occupations, science, American Sign Language
 - ✦ Online College in High School
<http://distance.minnesota.edu/ochs/>
 - ✦ Internet 2
 - ✦ Post secondary enrollment options
 - Videoconferencing for meetings
 - ✦ Administrative meetings
 - ✦ Staff development and training
 - ✦ Public meetings

How we use it



- Public and educational access to information and services
- School and public library business management
- Parental involvement
- Data reporting and transfer
- Online learning and curriculum resources
- Economic development
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Extend opportunities

How we pay for it



- **Current Funding**
 - Federal E-rate Telecommunications Discount Program
 - ✦ Approximately \$22 million annually
 - Regional Library Telecommunications Aid
 - ✦ \$2.3 million annually
 - Telecommunications/Internet Access Equity Aid
 - ✦ \$8.7 million annually (FY09)
 - Local funds

Example: Little Crow Telemedia Network



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