

Desoto County Schools Digital Learning Initiative



Mississippi Connects is a program to provide every public school student in Mississippi with technology.



The Mississippi Legislature allocated \$200 million for Mississippi Connects through the Equity in Distance Learning Act and the Mississippi Pandemic Response Broadband Availability Act.



The usage fee will be used to help offset such costs as hardware, software, certain repairs, networks, infrastructure, security, filtering, tech support and certain digital resources.



Over 25,000 devices will be distributed to DeSoto County Schools' students during the 3rd 9 weeks. The majority of students will receive their devices in early February.



There is a \$12.50 non-refundable usage fee for each student in grades K-5 and a \$25 non-refundable usage fee for each student in grades 6-12. For the spring 2021 semester the usage fees will be prorated to \$6.25 for grades K-5 and \$12.50 for grades 6-12.



For more information, including the DCS Digital Learning Handbook, go to desotocountyschools.org.

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