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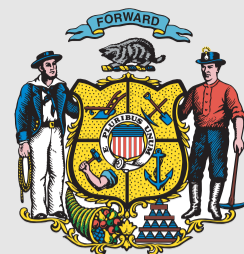
WISCONSIN TEACH
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TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (TEACH) was designed to advance education through technologies in Wisconsin schools and libraries, especially those in rural areas of the state, who often have been unable to allocate funds to technology improvements. TEACH subsidizes much of the cost to provide telecommunications access to eligible educational agencies.

TEACH sites in Wisconsin

384 schools - reaching 500,000 students
SCHOOL

359 libraries - 30 million patrons annually
LIBRARY

25 private and technical colleges
UNIVERSITY

Mission

To assist educational institutions in:

- Accessing technological and communication resources and tools to improve teaching and learning;
- Accelerate the use of technology to allow students to learn without the barriers of distance and time;
- Partner with other educational institutions in the areas of technology and telecommunications.

Eligible Applicants

- Pre-K through 12 public, private, and charter schools
- Private colleges and universities
- Technical colleges
- Accredited museums
- Libraries

Grants

- Competitive - $25,000
- Infrastructure - $7,500,000
- Teacher Training - $1,500,000

Timeline

October 1997
TEACH began the program funded through the State Universal Service Fund to distribute $22 million annually.

January 2014
TEACH rate table change resulted in an annual savings of $600,000 annually.

January 2016
TEACH payed BCN contracted rates for 1GB speeds resulting in $360,000 annual savings.

August 2016
The new BCN contract(s) was signed and will provide greater broadband capacity at a reduced overall cost to the TEACH program of $5 million annually with 1GB of broadband services will have an annual savings of $700,000.

For more information about the TEACH Program, please visit our website at http://teach.wisconsin.gov/ or email us at TEACH@wisconsin.gov