

As Technology Coordinator in rural Overton County, TN, I know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the curriculum is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the state and country. However, our network is struggling just to keep up with the new non-funded mandates, and the need for reliable high-speed network demands are only going to increase in the near future. E-rate is a huge piece to this puzzle for our district, I urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-rate program to help us meet the demands for our students. Our students are our future leaders.