

Darnall Charter School

Free & Low-Cost Computers and Internet for San Diego Families

If your family needs a computer or affordable internet access for school, the programs below can help. Most are open to all San Diego County families and many are geared toward households with school-age children. Eligibility and pricing can change, so please confirm current details directly with each program.

Free & Low-Cost Computers/Laptops

Program	Cost	Who Qualifies	Contact / Website
Computers 2 Kids (SDCOE partnership)	Laptops/desktops from \$50–\$100	Low-income families; income guidelines used commonly in CA (broader than federal poverty line). Some events give an extra \$50 discount to families on government assistance.	(858) 200-9788 · c2k.org
City of San Diego – SD Access 4 All	Refurbished devices starting at \$50	Low-income San Diego residents/families, arranged through the City's Computers 2 Kids partnership.	Digital Navigator Helpline: (800) 350-6945 · sandiego.gov/sdaccess
San Diego Futures Foundation (SDF)	Discounted refurbished computers (varies by device)	Low-income individuals, people with disabilities, seniors 62+, veterans, foster families; proof of income or government assistance and photo ID required.	(619) 500-9330 · sdfutures.org
SDCOE Drive-Thru Computer Distributions	Refurbished desktops/laptops from \$100 (with Windows, Office, antivirus preloaded)	San Diego County families; periodic drive-thru events at SDCOE and school sites countywide.	(858) 200-9788 (Computers 2 Kids) · sdcoe.net
San Diego Public Library – Laptop/Hotspot Lending	Free short-term loan (no purchase)	Anyone with a valid SD Public Library card; ask staff at your local branch about device and hotspot checkout.	sandiego.gov/public-library or your local branch

Low-Cost Internet / WiFi Options

Program	Cost	Who Qualifies	Contact / Website
Cox Connect2Compete	\$9.95/month (up to 100 Mbps, no contract)	Households with a K-12 student who participate in the National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF, or similar programs.	cox.com/lowincomeinternet or (855) 222-3252
Cox ConnectAssist	\$30/month (up to 100 Mbps, no contract, no deposit)	Low-income households (no school-age child required): SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Pell Grant, Section 8, or Veterans Pension recipients.	cox.com/lowincomeinternet or (855) 222-3252
AT&T Access	Approx. \$10/month (where AT&T is available)	Households participating in SNAP or other qualifying government assistance programs.	att.com/access or (855) 220-5211
FCC Lifeline Discount	Up to \$9.25/month off internet or phone service (stacks with provider plans above)	Households at/below 135% of the federal poverty line, or already on SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or similar programs.	lifelinesupport.org or (800) 234-9473
City of San Diego – Free WiFi Hotspot Loans	Free 30-day hotspot loan from participating libraries	San Diego residents needing a short-term/temporary connection.	Digital Navigator Helpline: (800) 350-6945 · sandiego.gov/sdaccess

Not Sure Where to Start?

- Call the City of San Diego **Digital Navigator Helpline** at **(800) 350-6945** for free, one-on-one help finding a low-cost computer or internet plan, or applying to any program above.

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Information current as of August 2026. Programs, pricing, and eligibility rules may change — please verify with each provider before visiting or applying.