

From the ACCESS RFP:


Section 3: State's Assurances to Participating Sites

3.1 Funds from the project will provide the following equipment, services, and assurances to **all** sites:

1. Equipment
 - codec (A codec is technology for compressing and decompressing data.)
 - cameras
 - monitors and/or projectors
 - Whiteboard, Smartboard or InterWrite (highly interactive portable wireless electronic whiteboard)
 - 15 tablet PCs
 - wireless port or router
 - installation of above equipment
 - on-site service
 - warranty of equipment
 - technical support
 - equipment training/manuals

Specific equipment will be determined jointly by the school system and the Alabama Department of Education based on school needs and requirements, the technical specifications required by ACCESS guidelines and grant funding.

From the Regional Meetings:



Factors to Consider: Fixed Classroom Option

- **Appropriate classroom environment**
 - Room size/location
 - Climate control
 - Lighting controls
 - Overhead and Windows
 - Sound control
 - Furniture
 - Teacher podium/desk
 - Student desks or tables; chairs
- **Printer/scanner**
- **Fax/telephone/dedicated phone line**
 - Can share one dedicated line
 - Telephone must have a speakerphone
- **Classroom file cabinet for all curriculum materials**
- **Technical facilitator (trained by SDE)**
- **Room must be connected to a managed, switched network**

Good option for a room that will be used for IVC (send and/or receive) 75% of the day

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Factors to Consider: **Portable Classroom Option**

- **Does not mean it can go anywhere at anytime**
- **Must identify specific locations or designated rooms where equipment will be used**
 - For example:*
 - Specific send/receive classroom
 - School Media Center (will allow groups to participate in virtual field trips, talks with authors, etc.)
 - School Auditorium (could be used for school-wide or community events)
- **Lighting controls**
 - Overhead and Windows
- **Sound control**
- **Screen or projection area**
- **Technical facilitator**
 - responsible for moving and setting up equipment
- **ALL designated rooms/locations must be connected to a managed, switched network**
 - Can be verified by your Technology Coordinator

Good option for a school that will use IVC (send and/or receive) for 25% of the day.

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Strategies

- Increase connectivity to high schools and central offices (minimum of 10 megs)
- Upgrade existing IVC labs to H.323 standards
- Connect all existing IVC labs to state network
- Increase number of quality DL courses available to students (online, IVC, blended)
- Develop blended course model (pilot sites)
- Provide professional development to support distance learning (2 centers)
- Provide statewide coordination, scheduling, and support for distance learning models (web portal)
- Provide additional computers for online course access
- Conduct Needs Assessments and Evaluations

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