Opening pathways to learning across the digital divide

Pennsylvania PBS stations deliver rich, informative digital content to Wi-Fi enabled devices without the internet.

Without the internet? Yes.

Pennsylvania PBS stations work with school districts to allow teachers to curate and send digital content (videos, documents, html files, etc.) through a television broadcast signal to their students. It’s called datacasting; any location that can receive a public television signal, can also receive data for a computer or tablet.

Datacasting effectively reaches rural areas where internet access does not, and efficiently reaches urban areas where internet cost can be a barrier. Datacasting isn’t new – it has been around for decades – but now we have the platforms and technology for teachers to streamline their existing online work to connect with their students that do not have adequate internet access at home.

Learn how Pennsylvania PBS can help bridge your digital divide.

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Since Spring 2020, Pennsylvania PBS stations have worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Pennsylvania Intermediate Units to ensure the platform aligns with standards, considers educators’ needs and integrates with existing learning management software.