

# the 1million Project Fact Sheet

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**The 1Million Project is a multiyear initiative that will change the lives of 1 million high school students who lack a reliable source of internet access at home.**

The program will offer free mobile devices and free wireless service (for up to four years) to low-income high school students across the U.S. By connecting these economically disadvantaged students, Sprint and the Sprint Foundation are helping to eliminate the “Homework Gap.”

## HOW IT WORKS:

**The 1Million Project will eliminate the Homework Gap for 1 million teens.**

Each student will receive either a free smartphone, tablet, laptop or hotspot device (based on availability) and 3GB per month of high-speed LTE data and then unlimited data at 2G speeds after that. Those who receive a smartphone can use it as a hotspot and for unlimited domestic calls and texts while on the Sprint Network.

## PROGRAM PARTNERS & SUPPORT:

Sprint is working with nonprofit agencies EveryoneOn and My Brother's Keeper Alliance to recruit community organizations – schools, libraries, public-housing authorities and nonprofits. Sprint will work closely with these program members to determine the best device solution for local students.

**The 1Million Project will help create opportunities for high school students to participate in the digital world and transform their lives.**

Donations from device manufacturers will help support the program, and Sprint and the Sprint Foundation will raise funds through special events, donation drives and other activities that engage its strong and passionate base of employees and customers, as well as thousands of company-owned, dealer, and national retail stores across the country.

## PROGRAM TIMING:

Beginning in January 2017, Sprint will pilot the program in seven to 10 markets in preparation for a nationwide rollout at the start of the 2017-18 school year. Sprint plans to welcome approximately 200,000 eligible high school students into the program each year for five years, offering them devices and connectivity for up to four years while in high school.

### America's students are facing a Homework Gap.

Pew Research Center reports that 5 million U.S. families with school-aged children do not have broadband access at home. Low-income households – especially black and Hispanic families – make up a disproportionate share of that 5 million. This creates a homework gap that leaves students struggling to complete their assignments and puts them in jeopardy of failing their classes and getting left behind.

Why? Seven out of 10 teachers assign homework that requires web access, according to a Federal Communications Commission Broadband Task Force report. Another study reports that half of the students surveyed have been unable to complete a homework assignment and 42 percent say they receive a lower grade, all because they didn't have access to the internet or a computer.

Students who aren't connected often go to extremes to get the internet access they need, such as spending hours on Wi-Fi-enabled school buses or at local businesses, waiting to use the internet at their public library, or standing outside a school at night trying to get a Wi-Fi signal on their phones.

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*U.S. schools and community organizations interested in participating in the pilot should apply online.*