

TEACH is pleased to welcome an alternative Internet Service Provider (ISP) option on the new BadgerNet network. Independent telephone companies who are Access Wisconsin subcontractors on BadgerNet are also offering internet services over BadgerNet. The contract between Access Wisconsin and AT&T specifically allows independent telephone companies to provide Internet services to their local schools and libraries over BadgerNet.

There are now three Internet options on BadgerNet and they are: (1) "AT&T MIS on BadgerNet", (2) "AT&T's WiscNet on BadgerNet" and (3) the local independent telephone companies. The local telephone companies currently included are listed below and may be found on the TEACH website under [Press Releases](#).

Northwest Communications
Amherst Telephone Company
Baldwin LightStream
Belmont Telephone Company
Bruce Telephone Company
Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
CenturyLink
Clear Lake Telephone Company
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company
Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company
Cuba City Telephone Exchange Company
Farmers Independent Telephone Company
Frontier Communications
Hillsboro Telephone Company
Lakeland Communications
LaValle Telephone Cooperative
Lemonweir Valley Telcom (LYNXX)
Manawa Telephone Company
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative
Mosaic Telecom
Mount Horeb Telephone Company
Norvado
Nsight Telservices
Nelson Communications Cooperative
Price County Telephone Company
Richland-Grant Telephone Cooperative
Sharon Telephone Company
Siren Telephone Company
Solarus
TDS Telecom
Spring Valley Telephone Company
Tri-County Communications Cooperative
Union Telephone Company
Vernon Communications Cooperative

Wittenberg Telephone Company
West Wisconsin Telcom Cooperative

If you indicated one of these ISPs as your ISP on the Excel sheets that were sent to you in October 2016 or in the Excel sheets that were sent in the last two weeks, that ISP will be your ISP during transformation from BCN to BadgerNet. No further action on your part is necessary.

If you select to get Internet service from your local phone company each school/library should have an E-rate eligible contract with that company and you will also be invoiced by that company. Schools and libraries may follow their same E-rate and procurement process they currently use for local ISP service. A form 470 must be filed by April 13, 2017 for ISP service. TEACH will continue to invoice the school either \$100 or \$250 per month for transport.

Within the next several days Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will post FAQs that has more information on the Internet options on BadgerNet. This FAQ will be linked to the DPI E-rate website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/erate>.

Thank you,

BadgerNet TEACH team

