



About the Illinois Century Network

The Illinois Century Network (ICN), managed by Central Management Services, is a telecommunications network providing high speed access to data, video, and audio communications to more than 8,000 schools, libraries, colleges, universities, museums, local government, state agencies, hospitals, and health care centers.

Serving over 2 million citizens every day, in every county, primarily students, the ICN is the largest and most successful state network of its kind in the nation.

ICN constituents rely on the network for:

- Access to on-line learning reference sources like newspapers, journals, radio and TV news, encyclopedias and reference databases.
- Interactive learning that engages students in a wide variety of subject areas including science, social studies, language arts, world languages, mathematics, and health.
- Online student assessments aligned to state learning standards.
- Requesting books and media as part of the interlibrary loan program.
- Online classes available through Illinois colleges, universities, community colleges, and the Illinois Virtual High school.
- Parent and student online access to student grades, assignments, lunch accounts, parent bulletins, tests and quizzes, and attendance, available through the websites of K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and community colleges.
- Network connectivity among schools, colleges, universities and libraries to operate administrative software and applications such as payroll, student records, student health services, student residential services, and campus security.
- Network connectivity to educational and research programs and websites hosted on Internet2.
- Seminars and training for rural doctors and health care providers from Illinois universities and medical schools via video conferencing.
- Transfers of large amounts of data for improved management of state resources such as the ISBE State Student Information System initiative.