Emergency Connectivity Funded Devices

What is ECF?
In March 2021, the FCC announced the inception of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), which will enable schools to obtain access to internet service and laptops or tablets to connect students and teachers that lack adequate broadband access necessary to support remote learning.

Who can receive an ECF device?
Students whose parents have confirmed an unmet need for the students on device.lausd.net and teachers that have also confirmed they have an unmet need on device.lausd.net. Unmet need is determined when parents and teachers confirm on device.lausd.net that without a District-provided computing device, students and teachers are not able to participate in online learning when away from school.

What is this device for?
It’s primarily for home use/remote learning for students and teachers that have identified an unmet need at home.

Can the ECF device be taken to school?
Yes, they may take their ECF to school.

Can student have two devices?
School may collect the school-issued device since the ECF device can be brought to school. If the student prefers to not travel with a device from home to school, the student may have a school-issued device which remains at school and an ECF device for home use.

Will carts be provided to store devices?
No, the school can follow their current device use model.

If the student no longer needs, what are the next steps?
Please inform your ITD technician and they will collect the device from your site.

Is the form still available? Can students request an ECF device?
Yes. However, the unmet need is identified by how the parents answer the questionnaire.

Is the device assigned to the school?
No, the device does not count towards the school’s inventory. They will be in a separate container.

What if the device is lost/stolen? How can we update the device if it’s not in our inventory?
If the device is lost/stolen, you may update the status in Remedy. The system will allow you to update even if the device is not assigned to your school. Once it’s reported lost/stolen, please contact the Asset Management team to receive a replacement.

What if the device is damaged?
Unfortunately, ECF replacements are not available. Please collect damaged ECF device and return to Soto. If student does not have a school issued device, please coordinate with IDM to have student issued a device from the schools inventory.

What is the difference between ECF devices and student refresh devices?
ECF devices are meant to go home with the student. ECF devices are not going to be in the school inventory and will remain with the students as long as they are with the District. Student Refresh devices are assigned to your school and are to be collected once the student transfers or matriculates to another school.