

Connect2Compete

Bright House Networks

Once again, Pinellas County Schools will partner with Bright House Networks to provide affordable Internet service at \$9.95 per month for qualifying district families. Students may qualify if they are eligible for free or reduced lunches. In order to manage expectations, families will also be informed that they will *not* qualify if they have outstanding bills or unreturned equipment with Bright House. Through Connect2Compete, parents may also have the opportunity to buy a low-cost computer. Internet service will give families access to Focus, online research materials, information for school projects and homework, college and career information, Pinellas Virtual School classes and PCS Beyond the Classroom learning resources. The initiative will also support our Title I digital initiative, Connect for Success. Bright House Networks has informed the district that eligible families will be able to apply for low-cost Internet from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.