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■ Mandate ■

SchoolNet's original mandate was to work in partnership with the provincial and territorial governments, the educational community and the private sector to connect Canadian schools and libraries to the Internet by March 31, 1999. On March 30, 1999, Canada became the first country in the world to connect its public schools, including First Nations schools, and public libraries to the Information Highway.

Research Papers

Awards and Recognition

If you have any additional questions about SchoolNet, please read our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). For more information, please explore the web site, or contact us by:

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In its second phase, as stated in the Government of Canada's 1998 Speech from the Throne, SchoolNet's mandate was to continue working with its partners to extend connectivity into the classrooms.

Through the help of SchoolNet and its partners, Canadian classrooms are connected to the Internet. As of May 2000, there were close to half a million connected computers in Canadian schools.

In the 2001 Speech from the Throne, the federal government committed to provide increased access to high-speed Internet service for schools and libraries, and to focus on creating more and better e-learning content. To date, the SchoolNet web site links to more than 5,000 teacher approved learning resources, making it easier for Canadian teachers and students to access an immense source of online resources.

■ Mission ■

SchoolNet readies learners for the knowledge-based society. It champions lifelong learning and the creation of world-class educational resources through information and communication technology (ICT) and partnerships.

■ Canada's SchoolNet Evaluation ■

KPMG Consulting LP was hired to evaluate and write a report on Industry Canada's SchoolNet. The report, which was completed in December 2000, is organized according to the major evaluation issues. So download the [PDF file](#) to discover more on the SchoolNet evaluation.

■ SchoolNet National Advisory Board ■

Guidance on the development and implementation of SchoolNet is provided by the SchoolNet National Advisory Board (SNAB). SNAB board members are leaders of various educational associations, provincial and territorial Ministries of Education, provincial

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learning networks, the research community and the volunteer sector.

For more information on SNAB, please visit:

www.schoolnet.ca/snab

Connecting Canadians

Canada's SchoolNet is an integral part of Connecting Canadians, the Government of Canada's strategy to keep Canada among the leaders in connecting its citizens to the Internet. In an increasingly competitive and knowledge-based economy, Canada can benefit by becoming a world leader in the development and use of advanced information and communication technologies (ICT).

To find out more on Connecting Canadians or to discover what other federal programs fall under this initiative, visit:

www.connect.gc.ca

Canada Online

The Government of Canada is helping connect Canadians to each other - and the world - by establishing up to 10,000 public Internet access sites in rural, remote and urban communities. It has also helped to connect Canada's public schools and libraries to the Internet. Presently, the Government of Canada is aiming towards making Canada's Internet system the fastest in the world.

The Federal Programs listed below will help you with everything from the funding of the creation of Canadian content on the Internet, accessing refurbished computers, developing innovative partnerships and learning new skills for the knowledge economy.

- [Aboriginal Digital Collections](#)
- [Access.ca](#)
- [Canada's Digital Collections](#)
- [CanConnect](#)
- [Community Access Program](#)
- [Computers for Schools](#)
- [First Nations SchoolNet](#)
- [Francommunautés Virtuelles](#)
- [Generations CanConnect](#)
- [LibraryNet](#)
- [NetCorps](#)
- [Office of International Partnerships](#)
- [Prime Ministers Awards](#)
- [SchoolNet GrassRoots Program](#)
- [SchoolNet Multimedia Learnware and Public Access Applications Program](#)
- [SchoolNet Network of Innovative Schools](#)
- [SchoolNet Networks to Savings](#)
- [SchoolNet Site Builders](#)
- [SkillNet](#)
- [Smart Communities](#)
- [VolNet](#)

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SchoolNet Success Stories

SchoolNet is interested in hearing from Canadian teachers and students on how you have successfully used information and communication technologies in a learning environment. We know that there are "success stories" across the country in schools, libraries, learning centres and classrooms, and we want to share them with other Canadians. So tell us how your class enjoyed creating their GrassRoots project, how the SchoolNet Network of Innovative Schools students are interacting with other students across the globe, or even how you learned useful skills with SchoolNet's Youth Employment Initiative.

Please send us your stories today!

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- Employment/Volunteering

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- Educational Associations
- Ministries of Education
- Technology and Networking
- Communications
- First Nations

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