

Panel backs introduction of digital learning in US

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An independent panel that studied the lack of technology in America's schools says most students can have access to high-speed Internet even sooner than President Barack Obama is calling for.

The LEAD Commission is finalizing a five-point plan it says will bring digital learning to schools by 2016.

Obama last week called for 99 percent of students to be connected to super-fast Internet within five years, or by sometime in 2018.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the panel's blueprint on Wednesday. The full plan is due to be released soon.

Most schools have [Internet access](#), but officials say the connections don't have enough capacity or are slow.

Like Obama, the commission calls on the [Federal Communications Commission](#) to figure out how to pay for the faster Internet connections.

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