



## Sprint grant will provide 65 low-income Kennedy High students laptops, Internet

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About 65 technology-deprived Kennedy High School students will receive Dell laptops and Internet connectivity for two years thanks to a \$100,000 grant from Sprint.

On Wednesday, Sprint representatives presented Kennedy High administrators a check at the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

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The school district was contacted in March by Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia's office about Sprint's Project Connect grant program. According to the program's website, Sprint uses proceeds from recycled cellphones to fund and promote free Internet safety resources to kids, parents and educators.

The Kennedy students who will be receiving the computers and Internet connection were selected because they "have little or no technology at home," the district said. The students also get to keep the laptops and use them beyond high school.

Kennedy teacher La Rue Moore, along with administrators, created a new class to provide instruction on the technology to the students. An agreement between Kennedy and Contra Costa College will allow the students to earn 12 college credits through the course.

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