

Tips for better home internet from Bard Information Technology*

- Use wired Ethernet when possible, especially if using synchronous functions (video conferencing)
- Locate wireless router/access point near devices using wireless
- Minimize bandwidth usage on all network devices during synchronous exchanges (e.g. don't use Netflix on any devices when trying to video conference)
- Make sure the computer used for video conferencing is not burdened by other workload (close all other browser tabs and applications)
- Favor home Cable Internet service over DSL if available
- Use modern wireless router, wireless mesh if covering a large space

Recommended equipment:

- USB Ethernet Adapter (if you don't have an Ethernet port) - <https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-1000-Gigabit-Ethernet-Adapter/dp/B00M77HMU>
- Ethernet cable - <https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Network-Ethernet-Patch-Cable/dp/B013PUMUOK>
- USB or Bluetooth Headset for video conferencing - <https://www.amazon.com/Logitech-Headset-H390-Noise-Cancelling/dp/B000UXZQ42>
- Standard wireless router/ap: <https://www.amazon.com/NETGEAR-R6700-Nighthawk-Gigabit-Ethernet/dp/B00R2AZLD2>
- Mesh wireless router/ap: <https://www.amazon.com/Google-Nest-Wifi-Router-Generation/dp/B07YMJ57MB> or <https://www.amazon.com/Introducing-eero-mesh-WiFi-system-3-pack-/dp/B07WMLPSRL>
(no wired network ports on these devices)

The IT Helpdesk, and through them Desktop support, Networking, and AV will help out whenever possible.

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