

News Release

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Re: *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker: Answers to Internet-to-the-Schools Questions at www.ConvergingIndustries.org (requires Java enabled browser)*

The Telecommunications Industries Analysis Project (TIAP) is today launching a unique website that provides guidance and answers to one of the most challenging political questions — **When will our schools get access to the Internet?** The *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker* is a research product of TIAP, whose purpose is to produce research that will assist policy makers in making informed decisions. The *Chartmaker* shows U.S. nationwide cost patterns.

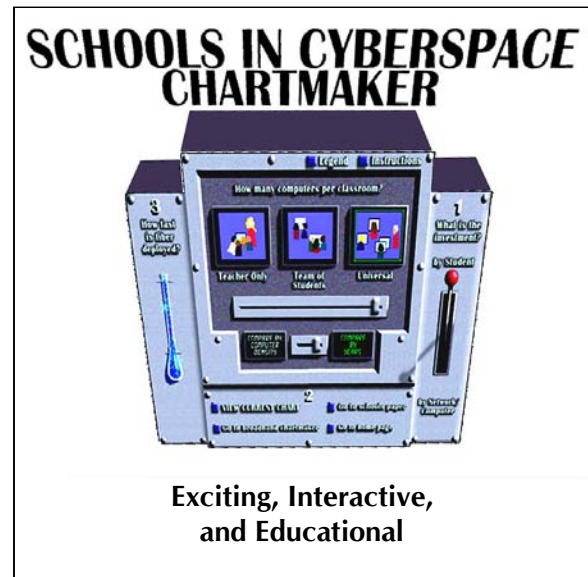
The *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker* is an exciting new source of information. The onscreen graphics places the user at the controls of a machine that generates answers in the form of charts. TIAP's *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker* site represents a revolution in web technology; users are no longer confined to viewing passively a static page and can easily customize the site to suit their interests. TIAP has created a user-friendly, speedy, highly interactive site, full of possibilities and answers.

The *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker* is based on research conducted by this consortium (TIAP) of federal and state regulators, local and long distance telephone companies, wireless companies, materials and equipment manufacturers, and

- What needs to be done to get the Internet to the U.S. public schools?
- How fast can this be done?
- How much will it cost?
- What are you paying for?
- Should every student have a computer?

The *Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker* lets you see the answers to these questions.

international companies.



*This consortium's unique understanding of technology, its introduction into our schools, and its costs is the focus of the **Schools in Cyberspace Chartmaker**.*

About TIAP

TIAP conducts and reports impartial research in the areas where network planning, business financials, and public policy intersect.

The participants actively work together to develop new options for telecommunications policies to meet the needs of consumers, governments, and companies in a changing, competitive environment.

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