

Connecting school boards to ORION

ORION is Ontario’s advanced research and education network, dedicated exclusively to supporting the province’s research and education community, including Ontario’s school boards. With connection points in 21 communities across Ontario, ORION provides school boards the opportunity to connect to the network.

Access fees reflect the principle of equity, based on the number of total students enrolled at elementary and secondary schools within the school board.

K-12 students connected to ORION are enabled to collaborate with other schools and institutions across Ontario, Canada and around the world:

- Connect students in different geographic locations through high-speed videoconferencing;
- Bring experts to classrooms from universities, colleges, research facilities, science centres and museums, including the Royal Ontario Museum, Canadian Museum of Nature, and more;
- Lightning fast access to learning resources including documentaries, multimedia library resources and films/videos in Ontario, across Canada and the around the world;
- Professional development opportunities, presentations, discussions, lectures and training sessions for instructors and administrators;
- Access new and exciting initiatives such as Virtual Researcher on Call (VROC) and Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL).

ORION Annual School Board Connection Fees 2011

Base User Fees (for school boards connecting through an ORION-approved RAN)

Group 1	< 15,000 students	\$ 8,270
Group 2	< 50,000 students	\$13,570
Group 3	< 100,000 students	\$20,350
Group 4	> 100,000 students	\$27,130

Direct User Connection Fees (for school boards connecting directly to ORION)

Group 1	< 15,000 students	\$ 8, 270
Group 2	< 50,000 students	\$16,280
Group 3	< 100,000 students	\$24,410
Group 4	> 100,000 students	\$32,550

**Plus applicable taxes.

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