



Highlights

- Develops an affordable connectivity solution
 - Helps you avoid network-related issues with critical processes
 - Prepares your network infrastructure for the future
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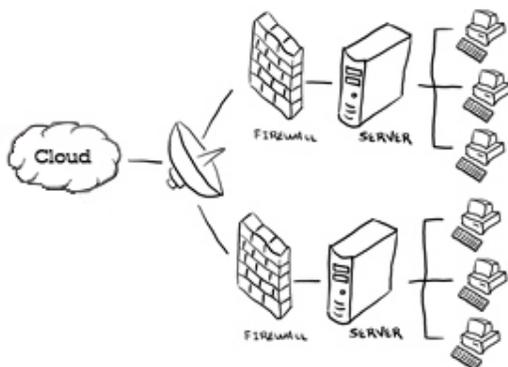
Network Health Check

Supports new learning models with flexible networks that can rapidly respond to change

In today's dynamic environment, school districts rely on networks as a key element of success. While applications or devices may be the focus of a new IT initiative, your networks are the vehicle by which your students and teachers are able to take advantage of new functions. Now, more than ever, your networks must be high performance, continuously available and secure to achieve your educational and business objectives. A high-level health check from IBM K-12 can assess your existing enterprise network environment and provide strategies to help reduce complexity and increase operational efficiency while improving performance, availability and security.

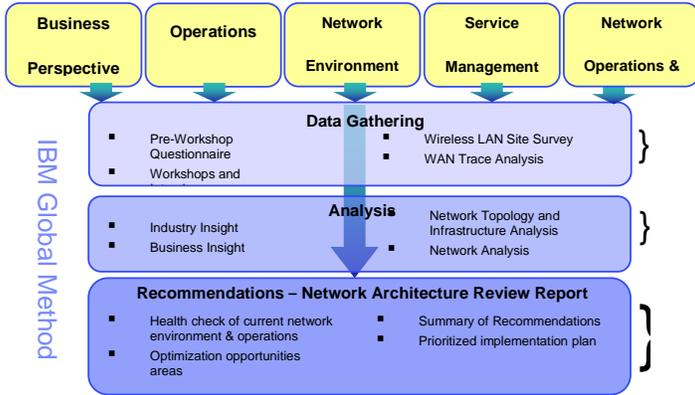
Supporting more users, more types of devices and more network activity

The assessment phase is one of the most critical parts of the end-to-end network planning, design and implementation process. It is critical for districts to develop networking approaches that satisfy current and future needs as networks become interrelated with the rest of the IT infrastructure. During the assessment phase of network development, IBM works with a team of stakeholders from across the client organization to understand the business drivers that determine the key requirements for your network strategy. Then your organization's networking environment is assessed focusing on its strengths and weaknesses. From this, a gap analysis is created along with a roadmap for reaching the desired networking state. A final report will consist of findings, conclusions, recommendations and a high-level plan to action on the recommendations. Emphasis will be placed on tactical plans to help you address your highest yield optimization area.



We will verify your existing designs and make recommendations for:

- VLAN, Wired and Wireless Networks
- Utilization and Capacity
- Internal and Perimeter Security
- User Activity
- VPN/Firewall



Typical Length of Engagement: 1-2 weeks

Why IBM?

Unlike other IT service providers offering networking assessments, IBM K-12 starts the process from an educational and business perspective, uncovering the organization's educational and business needs and goals and then examines your existing technology in terms of its alignment with those goals, documenting areas of synergies and areas of misalignment and suggesting alternatives as appropriate. We can apply our in-depth experience in developing practical road maps, gained from optimizing networks in complex, educational IT environments.

For more information

To learn more about the IBM K-12 **Network Health Check**, please contact your IBM Marketing Representative. For more information on all our IBM K-12 Consulting and Professional Services, visit: www.ibm.com/industries/education/canada-k-12-service-briefs



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