Distance Learning Equipment Requirements

Distance Learning programs with Zion National Park require that your school has one of the two equipment options listed below as well as high-speed internet. The requirements to participate in a Distance Learning program are:

- Option A: Videoconferencing unit: We recommend that you use a stand-alone videoconferencing machine such as Polycom, Cisco, Tandberg, or Lifesize. To call into the video conference with Lifesize, Cisco, Tandberg, or Polycom units you will simply dial the provided IP address at the time of your program.
- Option B: Large screen, speakers, camera, and computer: If your school does not have a videoconferencing unit we can also connect with your school through RealPresence Access, which is a web-based program requiring only a free plugin. You will be provided with a link to the video conference ahead of time via an email invite from Polycom. To use this program you may need to download software or plug-ins. This can be done during the IT program test.
- High speed Internet: videoconferencing requires a minimum connection speed of 384 KB per second. If your school has high-speed internet we will most likely be able to do a program for your school.
- Firewalls: Firewalls can sometimes prevent us from connecting with your school. Please contact your technology specialist to determine if this will be a problem. If so, these firewalls will need to be temporarily deactivated in order for us to connect.

An equipment test is mandatory before your program date. These tests will only take a short time, and are essential for ensuring a smooth presentation.

If you have questions please contact the Zion Education team at zion_education@nps.gov, or call 435-772-0165