

# ApprenticeshipUSA Chat Sheet



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## Monthly Newsletter for H.S. Students – Telecommunication

### What is the Telecommunication (Telecom) Industry?

Imagine a world without your phone, internet, or TV. Telecom is the magic behind these devices that connect us to information, entertainment, and each other. It's about sending messages over long distances. From the simple telephone to complex satellite networks, telecommunications is constantly evolving. The following are some major players in the Telecom industry:

- a) **AT&T:** A leading provider of wireless, video, internet and voice services.
- b) **Verizon:** Offers wireless, video, internet, and voice solutions.
- c) **T-Mobile:** Known for its wireless service and aggressive marketing strategies.
- d) **Comcast:** A major player in cable television, internet and phone services.
- e) **Charter Communications:** Another significant cable and internet provider.

### Why is Telecommunication Important?

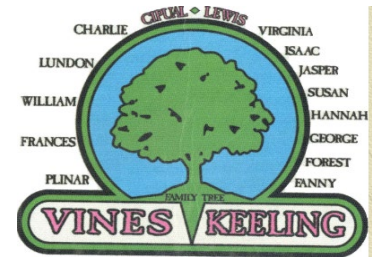
Telecommunications brings talking with family across the country. The Telecommunication industry is the lifeblood which provides the means of our economy and society to communicate. It connects people, fuels businesses, and ensures we have access to the things we need.

### What are the Benefits of a Career in the Telecommunication Industry?

The Telecommunication industry offers a variety of rewarding career paths, and the job outlook for these positions is positive in the coming 24 months. The Telecom Industry is constantly growing, ensuring job stability and high demand for qualified workers. This is a sample of occupations with good future job prospects and average starting annual pay in parenthesis (....):

- 1) **Customer Service Rep** - ( Good - \$35,000/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 2) **Sales Representatives**- (Good - \$37,500/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 3) **Technical Support Specialist** - (Good - \$42,500/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 4) **Network Technician** - (Good - \$47,500/year) w/HS Diploma.

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## How to Prepare for a Career in the Telecommunication Industry?

If you are interested in a career in the Telecommunication industry, there are a few different ways you can get started. Focus on math, science, and technology skills which are valuable across Telecom roles. Research to learn about different sectors like broadband, 5G, IoT (internet of Things) and fiber optics.

Another approach is an Apprenticeship. Go to the **ApprenticeshipUSA** link for more information[click the blue] (<Homepage | Apprenticeship.gov>). There, you will find Apprenticeship Programs and on-the-job training opportunities which can take 1 to 2 years of hands-on and classroom training with pay. Let me know if you have questions or need assistance.

For local in-person support you can use your area **American Job Center (AJC)** [click the blue] (<American Job Center Finder | CareerOneStop>). Simply enter your Zip code to find your nearest AJC.

## Conclusion

The Telecom Industry is positioned to expand and offer exciting careers for motivated individuals. Remember, the journey to becoming a Telecommunication professional begins now, so start actively preparing and exploring your options.

## Additional Tips for High School Students

- Take advantage of career counseling services at your high school. Your high school counselors can help you to learn more about different career options, including Telecommunication industry careers.