

# Connected Health and Education



## Connected to the Classroom Meant Everything



### Staying Connected

Connecting meant everything to fifth grader Peyton Walton, and her family. As a 10-year old with cancer, Peyton wanted to be able to attend the school she loves while getting lifesaving treatment hundreds of miles away. To help make her dream a reality, a passionate team of Cisco experts came together to create innovative new solutions that break down barriers to inclusion in the classroom and beyond.

From the beginning of her treatment, Peyton and her mother Lynn had struggled with the limited options for attending school daily. After tackling many roadblocks with her health care providers, local legislation, and her school district, Peyton and Lynn were connected with Cisco. We provided a turn-key system for video collaboration to allow Peyton to participate virtually with her class from her home or from the hospital.

Our collaboration technology helped her stay connected academically, and also helped her remain engaged and feel included with her teachers, her friends, and her entire social network. As Peyton's teacher at Woodland Elementary, Mrs. Krumm described the experience: "It's almost like she's sitting in the room with you...it was very exciting."

Giving Peyton the opportunity to be included in the classroom had a huge impact on her treatment. Today, she's cancer-free. Her story—and the collaboration that made it possible—have opened up a world of possibilities for Cisco. Next up: The Connected Health and Education team is working to advance inclusion beyond Cisco, through a pilot with the Children's Hospital of Omaha.



Peyton and her family join Cisco executives at Cisco Live after her story was revealed.



Peyton meets Cisco engineer who helped arrange the technology that connected Peyton to her school.