

### 13. c. Telephone, Cell Phones, Internet and Cable Services Community Resources

Cell phones and land line providers in the Chico area offer different rates and options, Below is a list of some of the companies that serve Chico area.

Sprint / 1-800-877-4646 / [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)

AT&T / 1-800-CALL-ATT / [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

Verizon /1-800-256-4646 / [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com)

T-Mobile /1-800-866-2453/ [www.t-mobile.com](http://www.t-mobile.com)

**Long Distance and Overseas Calls:** Most international calls these days are made via Skype. If you wish to call from your cell phone, contact your cell phone provider to find out what types of international calling plans are available.

**Cell Phone Laws in California:** It is illegal in California to read or send a text message while driving a vehicle. If you need to make a call on your cell phone while driving, you must use a hands-free device. If you are under the age of 18, you cannot use a cell phone at all while driving a vehicle. For more information on cell phone laws, please visit: [www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws) .

**Telephone Card:** Calling cards can be purchased at the Wildcat Bookstore on campus and many other locations in the community, rates and features vary greatly. A good way to find the best one for you is to check online. Before purchasing a calling card, check to make sure it is compatible with your needs as some cards only work on land-line phones.

#### Helpful Hints:

**Land Line Calls:** When using a land line in Chico to call another local phone number, you do not need to dial 1-530 in front of the number. If you are outside of Chico you may then need dial 1-530 in front of the phone number.

**Cell Phones:** Using a cell phone, you do not need to dial 1 in front of the area code.

**Directory Assistance:** Directory assistance in the 530 area code region is available by dialing 411. There is a charge for the service. For directory assistance in other regions of the U.S. dial 1+ (area code) 555-1212.

**Free Long Distance:** Phone numbers beginning with 1-800, 1-866, 1-877, or 1-888 are free.

**Beware:** Most numbers that begin with 1-900 are very expensive to call.

## **Internet and Cable Services**

There are several companies in the area and some are listed below for your reference:

1. Comcast: <http://www.comcast.com/corporate/shop/products/local/.../chico.html>
2. AAT&T: <http://www.att.com/internet>
3. Digitalpaath.net: <http://digitalpath.net/>