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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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# Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund

## Purpose and History

The Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund was created during the 87th General Assembly in [Senate File 274](#) (Computer Science Act), which provided a framework for the Department of Education (DE) to establish computer science standards for elementary, middle, and high school grades. [Senate File 274](#) also required the Board of Educational Examiners to establish an endorsement in computer science for teachers.

School districts and teachers may receive funds from the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund as reimbursement for various forms of professional development relating to computer science. The Act also created a Computer Science Work Group to identify and recommend computer science-related guidelines and potential policies for schools and submit a report to the Governor, the DE, and the General Assembly.

## Funding

Beginning in FY 2019, the General Fund appropriated \$500,000 to the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund. The Department is also authorized to accept funding from other sources. Other sources have included funding from a [Microsoft Settlement](#).

## Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2017 Iowa Acts, chapter [106](#)

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## More Information

Computer Science Expansion Information: [educateiowa.gov/pk-12/content-areas/computer-science-expansion](http://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/content-areas/computer-science-expansion)

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