
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

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Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund

Purpose and History

The Iowa Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund was established to assist schools in meeting the goal of the General Assembly that each accredited high school offer at least one high-quality computer science course, each accredited middle school offer instruction in exploratory computer science, and each accredited elementary school offer instruction in the basics of computer science.

Grant funds are made available to eligible Iowa school districts or accredited nonpublic schools for the following two purposes:

- A school district or accredited nonpublic school, or a collaborative of one or more school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and area education agencies may apply to the Department of Education to receive moneys from the fund to provide proven professional development activities for Iowa teachers in the area of computer science education.
- A school district or accredited nonpublic school may apply to the Department to receive moneys from the fund to provide tuition reimbursement for Iowa teachers seeking endorsements or authorizations for computer science under Iowa Code section [272.2\(20\)](#).

The goal of this grant program is to build the capacity of Iowa schools to provide high-quality computer science instruction. Funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funds that would otherwise be used for the activities supported by the program.

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/instruction/computer-science/computer-science-professional-development-incentive-fund

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