Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund

2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 106, established the Iowa Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund (CSPDIF) to assist schools in building the capacity to provide high-quality computer science instruction through professional development activities or reimbursement for teachers seeking endorsements or authorizations for computer science instruction.

In 2020, the most recent Future Ready Iowa Act, HF 2629, created the Computer Science Work Group. Recommendations from the group are due to the General Assembly by July 1, 2021. Under this legislation:
- The Dept. of Education must develop and implement a statewide K-12 computer science instruction plan by July 1, 2022.
- High schools must offer at least one computer science course by July 1, 2022.
- Elementary and middle schools must provide computer science instruction in at least one grade level each by July 1, 2023.
- School districts and accredited nonpublic schools must develop and implement a K-12 computer science instruction plan by July 1, 2022.

Awards — FY 2019 - FY 2021

*Note: Collaborative awards were provided to the Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA), Great Prairie AEA, Keystone AEA, and Prairie Lakes AEA. The Diocese of Sioux City Catholic Schools, part of the Central Rivers AEA collaborative, is not shown on the map.

Total Awarded — FY 2019 - FY 2021

The CSPDIF appropriation was $500,000 each fiscal year and was supplemented with Microsoft Corp. settlement dollars from a 2007 Iowa class-action antitrust lawsuit.

Sources: Department of Education, LSA calculations
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