

2021 EDITION

Georgia Computer Science Education Guide



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Why Computer Science?

In the 21st century, coding is a foundational skill, just like reading and writing. Everyone should get the chance to learn how to code—it's a skill that provides limitless creative opportunities to students and future generations.

With a great curriculum, resources, and support, school districts across the country can implement high-quality computer science programs. At CodeHS, our goal is to make computer science education fun and accessible to all!

Georgia CS Education Overview

In 2019, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed Senate Bill 108 which requires all high schools to phase-in computer science classes by the 2024-2025 school year. This new legislation ensures that all students in Georgia have access to rigorous computer science courses and are prepared for the future. View the full [Georgia Computer Science Plan](#).

To increase investment in computer science across the state, the Georgia General Assembly allocated \$750,000 for computer science teacher professional development.

Standards Alignment

CodeHS Alignment to Georgia CS Standards

CodeHS is aligned to **Georgia's 6-8 CS Academic Standards** and fully aligned to courses in the Georgia's High School Computer Science Pathway.

- Alignment to **Georgia's Intro to Digital Technology**

Georgia's Intro to Digital Technology is the first coding course fully aligned to GA High School Computer Science Standards.

Access the full course for free at codehs.com/georgia_idt/start

Georgia 5-12th CS Curriculum Pathway

CodeHS is aligned to Georgia's 6-8 Academic Standards and fully aligned to the courses in the **Georgia Computer Science Pathway**.

5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
World of Computing							
Intro to Programming with Karel the Dog							
	Georgia Foundations of Secure Information Systems						
	Georgia Foundations of Computer Programming						
	Georgia Foundations of Interactive Design						
			Georgia Introduction to Digital Technology				
					Georgia Computer Science Principles		
					AP Computer Science Principles		
						AP Computer Science A (Nitro)	

CodeHS also offers courses within other Georgia Information Technology Pathways such as Game Design, Programming, & Cybersecurity. (See page 6)

Course Overview



World of Computing

Grade Levels: 5th, 6th

The World of Computing course is an introductory computer science course that introduces the basics of programming with Karel the Dog and allows students to explore what a computer is and how technology has affected their lives. Students have the option to code in either blocks or text.



Intro to Programming with Karel the Dog

Grade Levels: 5th, 6th

Learn the basics of computer science with Karel the Dog. Students give commands to the dog to practice foundational concepts and solve programming puzzles. This is a great first course for middle schoolers and can be done with text or block-based programming.



Georgia Foundations of Secure Information Systems

Grade Levels: 6th, 7th, 8th

This course provides a foundation in information systems, networking, and cybersecurity. Through integrated instructional activities, students will have opportunities to apply employability skills and to research possible career options in the IT area.



Georgia Foundations of Computer Programming

Grade Levels: 6th, 7th, 8th

This course provides students with an exploratory foundation in computer programming. Students will complete many hands-on activities to build a strong foundation in coding while gaining employability skills to discover possible career options in the IT area.



Georgia Foundations of Interactive Design

Grade Levels: 6th, 7th, 8th

This course will provide an exploratory foundation in the design and development of websites and games. Through integrated instructional activities, students will have opportunities to apply employability skills and to research possible career options in the information technology area.



Georgia Intro to Digital Technology

Grade Levels: 8th, 9th, 10th

This is the first course required for all of Georgia's IT pathways. This course is designed for students to understand, communicate, and adapt to a digital world as it impacts their personal life, society, and the business world. Exposure to foundational knowledge in hardware, software, programming, web design, IT support, and networks are all taught with hands-on activities and project focused tasks. Various forms of technologies will be highlighted to expose students to the emerging technologies impacting the digital world.



Georgia Computer Science Principles

Grade Levels: 10th, 11th

Georgia Computer Science Principles introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and programming in JavaScript. With a unique focus on creative problem solving and real-world applications, students are challenged to explore how computing and technology can impact the world.



AP Computer Science Principles

Grade Levels: 10th, 11th, 12th

AP Computer Science Principles introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and programming. With a unique focus on creative problem solving and real-world applications, students are challenged to explore how computing and technology can impact the world.



AP Computer Science in Java

Grade Levels: 11th, 12th

The CodeHS AP[®] Computer Science A course is designed to help students master the basics of Java and equip them to successfully pass the AP[®] Computer Science A Exam at the end of the school year.

Explore all free CS courses in the CodeHS Course Catalog at
codehs.com/course/catalog

Georgia IT Pathways

Georgia IT Pathway	Georgia Courses	Does CodeHS have a fully aligned course?
Computer Science	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Computer Science Principles or AP CSP	Yes
	AP Computer Science	Yes
Cybersecurity	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Introduction to Cybersecurity	Partial
	Advanced Cybersecurity	Partial
Game Design	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Computer Science Principles or AP CSP	Yes
	Game Design: Animation and Simulation	Partial
Internet of Things	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Computer Science Principles or AP CSP	Yes
	Embedded Computing	No
Programming	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Computer Science Principles or AP CSP	Yes
	Programming, Games, Apps, and Society	Partial
Web Development	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Computer Science Principles or AP CSP	Yes
	Web Development	Partial
Information Support and Services	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	IT Essentials	No
	IT Support	No
Networking	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Networking Fundamentals	Partial
	Networking Systems and Support	No
Web and Digital Design	Introduction to Digital Technology	Yes
	Digital Design	No
	Web Design	Partial

Professional Development

CodeHS' online and in-person professional development helps train teachers to teach excellent computer science courses -- no programming experience required.

Learn more at codehs.com/info/pd

GACE CS Prep Course

CodeHS offers a comprehensive online Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators Computer Science (GACE CS) prep course. With full alignment to the standards covered in this exam, teachers will be well prepared!



55 Hour
Course



100% Aligned



13 Units

Online PD Courses

The online PD courses are made up of a series of learning modules that teachers can complete on their own time, during summer, school professional development days, or school holidays.

- Teaching Intro to Computer Science
- Teaching AP Computer Science Principles
- Teaching AP Computer Science A
- Teaching Computing Ideas
- Teaching Intro to Python
- Teaching Web Design
- Teaching Intro to Cybersecurity
- Level 2 Professional Development for CS Teachers

In-Person PD Workshops

The in-person professional development workshops are for districts looking to train multiple computer science teachers. Workshops can be 1 or 2 days, and cover a variety of topics which are customizable to the districts needs.

CodeHS Teacher Love

“I've been extremely pleased with my CodeHS experience. My favorite part is the grading feature. My students have completed 10x as many labs and received 100x better feedback via CodeHS versus any other textbook or platform I have used in the past.”

- Timothy Hipp, Teacher at WoodWard Academy
in College Park, Georgia

“I love the course features: video, quiz, example, and exercises for each lesson.”

- Advis Wilkerson, Teacher at
Creekside High School in
Fairburn, Georgia

Facts About Georgia CS



4,952 Georgia students took the Advanced Placement Computer Science exams in 2018; only 27% were female



Universities in Georgia did not graduate 1 new teacher prepared to teach computer science in 2016



Computer programmers in Georgia have an average annual salary of \$100,910, which is 2x the average state salary

Sources: College Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Code.org



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Bring a Full Computer Science Program to Your District

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