



**Department of
Higher Education**



Teach Computer Science (CS) 2025- 2027 Grant

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Teach CS 2026-2027 Grant

RFA Overview

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Agenda
 - Questions for today's call may be submitted to:
 1. In the Chat feature
 2. Email: teachcsgrants@higher.ed.ohio.gov
- Responses to questions will be addressed on a rolling basis, <https://rfp.ohiohighered.org/>
- RFA and Scoring Rubric are available at: <https://rfp.ohiohighered.org/>

Program Goals

- Program Goal: Designed for teachers seeking to teach computer science under ORC 3313.6033, including those who teach pre-kindergarten to twelve who are seeking advanced content knowledge.
- *To support increasing the number of Ohio teachers who qualify to teach computer science, or expand the knowledge of existing teachers, under ORC 3313.6033, including those who teach pre-kindergarten to twelve who are seeking advanced content knowledge.*

Eligible Pathways

- 1) A supplemental license that involves a mentorship-based pathway for existing teachers
- 2) A university endorsement program that involves a coursework-based path for existing teachers
- 3) An alternative resident educator licensure pathway for industry experts and other nonteachers
- 4) A continuing education program that offers professional development to existing teachers, including those who teach pre-kindergarten to twelve, who are generalists, and those seeking advanced content knowledge.
 - *Note: Professional development may be for teachers seeking advanced content knowledge or for teachers seeking to teach computer science under ORC 3313.6033. Professional development should align with Ohio's current learning standards for computer science.*

Eligible Applicants

- Ohio educational service centers
- State universities as defined in section 3345.011 of the ORC with a Chancellor-approved educator preparation program, and;
- Private institutions that hold a certificate of authorization from the Chancellor pursuant to Chapter 1713 of the Ohio Revised Code with a Chancellor-approved educator preparation program

Eligible Applicants continued



NEW

Ohio community colleges as defined in ORC 3333.168: "Community college" means a community college established under Chapter 3354, a technical college established under Chapter 3357, or a state community college established under Chapter 3358 of the Revised Code.

Funding Available and Timeline

- Funding for the grant is from the fiscal years 2026 & fiscal year 2027, biennium budget, allowing for approximately \$8M for the Teach CS grant program;
- Beginning January 2026 to June 30, 2026, and July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
- Final reports due: August 31, 2027.

Allowable Costs:

- Coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends*, administrative costs, support services, and for other purposes as determined by the chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education.



NEW

* If requesting teacher stipends in programs leading to licensure/endorsement to teach computer science, it is expected that applicants will not request more than \$1,500 per teacher.

Application Timeline:

- Request for Applications Released: **November 12, 2025**
- Questions Period: **November 12, 2025, to December 5, 2025**
 - Please email all questions to teachcsgrants@highered.ohio.gov by December 5, 2025. Questions will be addressed on a rolling basis, and answers will be posted at <https://highered.ohio.gov/educators/grant-resources>
- Application Launch Webinar: **November 20, 2025**
- Application Submission Window: **November 12, 2025 – December 12, 2025**
- Notification of Awards: **January 2026 (Tentatively)**
- Project Period of Performance: **January 2026** or upon execution of an award agreement with ODHE, whichever date is later, **through June 30, 2027**.
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Important Dates Continued

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Selection Criteria

Funding to applicants will be based on the likelihood of impact on students. Factors considered in making that determination include the following:

- Evidence of the organization's effectiveness in increasing the number of Ohio's teachers **credentialed to teach computer science and/or of significantly expanding the computer science knowledge of existing teachers.**
- Partnership with school(s)/district(s). Priority will be given to **proposals serving education consortia that include economically disadvantaged districts** and schools with limited computer science coursework or where there is an unmet need for teachers credentialed to teach computer science courses.

Selection Criteria continued

- Likely effectiveness of selected strategies for teacher recruitment, selection, and support.
- Proposed outcomes and use of data.
- Logical and thoughtful timeline and budget that reflects efficient use of time and funds.
- Optional (priority points): Evidence of thoughtful integration of artificial intelligence into the program content.
 - See the scoring rubric, attached to the RFA as Exhibit II, for additional information.

Application Submission

Applications are due not later than December 12, at 5:00 pm, for priority consideration.

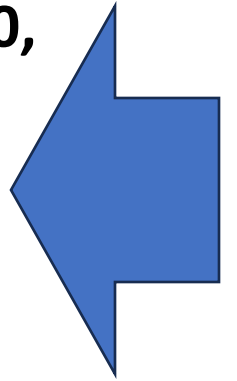
Applications should be submitted using the form attached as Exhibit 1. They must be submitted in the following manner: One electronic PDF file including the form and any attachments uploaded to <https://rfp.ohiohighered.org>.

Teach CS 2.0 Highlights

- **Purpose:** *To support increasing the number of Ohio teachers who qualify to teach computer science, or expand the knowledge of existing teachers, under ORC 3313.6033, including those who teach pre-kindergarten to twelve who are seeking advanced content knowledge.*
- **Grant period:** 18 Months
 - Teach CS 2.0 covers two fiscal years: FY2026 (January 2025 – June 30, 2026) and FY2027 (July 2026 - June 2027)
- **Funding Amount:** Approximately \$4M per fiscal year

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Thank You

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