

## TCS Questions for December 5, 2025

22. What approval process [would] an endorsement program would need to go through, and what the timeline would be for endorsement approval?

**Answer:** Institutions of higher education would need to apply for the program by March 1st, 2026, deadline, in JetPack. The new program review process will take approximately 12 weeks for the program to be posted for public review and an additional 4 weeks to receive approval level. Contact [EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov) for your specific IHE needs.

23. Does each cohort pathway count as a "program," which would cap the stipend for each teacher at \$1,200, or are some considered professional development events? For the webinar mini-series, does each series count as PD (eligible for up to \$500 each) or as a single program (capped at \$1,200 for all three)?

**Answer:** As an ESC offering professional development, ODHE requests applicants to cap teacher stipends (if proposed) as follows: \$500 per teacher participating in professional development designed to increase computer science knowledge, unless the applicant demonstrates a reasonable need for additional funds based on proposed outcomes. In all cases, it is expected that stipends be reasonable and justified based upon the hours of training and the milestones achieved, such as licensure and/or certifications.

24. Can grant funds be used to compensate university staff (not faculty) for providing mentoring under support services?

**Answer:** Funds may be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, administrative costs, support services, and other purposes as determined by the chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education.

25. Can we include fees along with tuition costs?

**Answer:** Fees include the cost of offering the course and may include tuition, general fees, special fees, etc.

26. For preservice teachers, do they need to be considered in-state/Ohio residents to be included?

**Answer:** Yes, preservice teachers who are considered in-state/Ohio residents are eligible for the IHE's awarded grant. If the preservice teacher has returned to Ohio for college and has established residency in Ohio may be included.