

Administrative Memo

Date: February 23, 2021
To: School Administrators
From: Blaine Henningsen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness
Subject: CCR-21-001 – Computer Science Education Fund Grant

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will again provide grants to eligible entities for the purpose of providing teacher professional development programs relating to computer science through the [Computer Science Education Fund](#), in accordance with [Section 170.018, RSMo](#).

Eligible entities are defined as:

- a) A local education agency (LEA) or a consortium of LEAs in the state, including charter schools that have declared themselves LEAs;
- b) An institution of higher education in the state; or
- c) A nonprofit or private provider of nationally recognized and high-quality computer science professional development, as determined by DESE (must be on approved list).

The deadline to complete training is June 30, 2021. The deadline to request reimbursement for educator training expenses is June 15, 2021, even if the training will occur June 16 to June 30, 2021. To see allowable expenditures, [click here](#). Please note that completing activities in Section 2 does NOT qualify a teacher to teach a computer science course.

To verify a teacher is qualified to teach a computer science course in grades 9-12, or to see how a teacher can become qualified, see page 4 of the [Computer Science Guidance Document](#).

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