



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Curriculum Supervisors, Principals
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: Applications Due February 29, 2024

Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO): Expanding Access to Computer Science High School Courses

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the release of the [Expanding Access to Computer Science High School Courses Notice of Grant Opportunity \(NGO\)](#). This limited competitive grant provides funding directly to local education agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement one or more new high-quality computer science education courses aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Computer Science (NJSLS-CS). The new courses developed must be available for student enrollment in the 2024-2025 academic year.

LEAs that offer a high school program of study, not related to the Career Technical Education (CTE) Information Technology career cluster are eligible to apply for this program. The high school may also offer a CTE program in the Technology Career Cluster; however, the new course may not be part of the CTE program.

Eligible Applicants may request funding for *only one* of the following options:

- LEAs with one or more high schools that currently teach a computer science course may apply for up to \$40,000 to develop and implement one or more new advanced computer science courses that meet one of the following criteria:
 1. The course is a College Board approved Advanced Placement Computer Science A course.
 2. The course is a College Board approved Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles course.
 3. The course is a course in Cybersecurity or Artificial Intelligence (AI).
 4. The course is eligible for credit in computer science through an articulation agreement with a postsecondary institution.
- LEAs with one or more high schools that do not currently teach a computer science course may apply for up to \$15,000 to develop and implement one or more new introductory computer science courses.

NGO Application Deadline Dates

The Expanding Access to Computer Science High School Courses NGO application is available to LEAs through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system available via NJDOE's Homeroom starting February 5, 2024. LEAs are required to submit applications by February 29, 2024.

Technical Assistance Webinar

A webinar to support LEAs with the application process will be held by NJDOE staff on February 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. E.T. [Please register on the NJDOE calendar of events](#) by February 12, 2024.

Contact Information

For questions regarding computer science education, including questions regarding the *Expanding Access to Computer Science High School Courses NGO*, please contact computerscience@doe.nj.gov.

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