

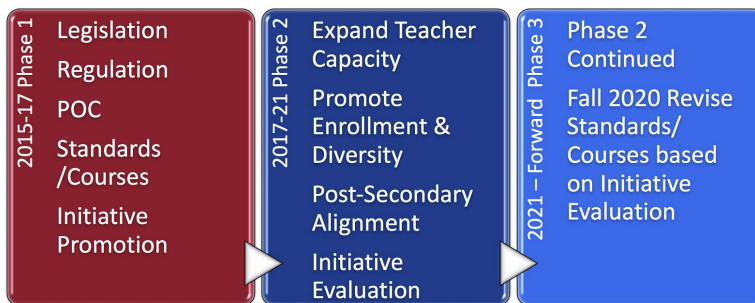
ARKANSAS

K-12 COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Arkansas's Computer Science Initiative

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Background Information:

- Governor Asa Hutchinson was one of the first governors to announce that computer science education would be a major focus of his administration and has maintained that commitment throughout his administration <http://bit.ly/1JyIhIk>
- Act 187 of the 2015 Arkansas General Assembly established the requirement that each public high school and each public charter school in Arkansas offer a computer science course <http://bit.ly/2sjaq47>
- The Arkansas Computer Science and Technology in Public School Task Force: Report of Activities, Findings, and Recommendations <http://bit.ly/2r9Srs3>

Current Initiative Information:

- Arkansas Department of Education Computer Science Landing Page (links to Arkansas DOE released information including standards, courses, resources, and other information) <http://bit.ly/19FV77O>
- Arkansas Department of Education Computer Science Fact Sheet (detailed implementation guidance for school personnel) <http://bit.ly/2sj6TCL>
- Gov. Asa Hutchinson's Computer Science Initiative Youtube Playlist (promotional and informational videos) <http://bit.ly/2s8910z>
- BNY Mellon State of the States Landscape Report on Computer Science Education (Arkansas is the only state to have met all 10 priorities) <http://bit.ly/2sHz5ws>
- Code.org State Fact Sheets (Arkansas is the first and only state to have met all 9 policy suggestions) <http://bit.ly/2r9KIdC>

Future of the Initiative:

- Arkansas Department of Education's Strategic Plan for the Computer Science Initiative <http://bit.ly/2rQbNV9>
- Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas Department of Career Education Joint Statement on the 2017-2018 Computer Science Initiative Implementation <http://bit.ly/2raCQfa>
- Computer Science Teacher Endorsement and Instruction Stipend Program (provides up to a \$2,000.00 stipend for teachers to become computer science endorsed and teach computer science courses for a year) <http://bit.ly/2qncHRe>
- Arkansas Future Grant (provides two years of tuition and fees at an Arkansas community or technical college to any student who enrolls in a high demand field of study, such as computer science) <http://bit.ly/2rQ44GJ>

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