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The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce that it is partnering with Code.org to offer professional development for Arkansas teachers interested in teaching computer science. The number of spaces available is limited; therefore, ADE is seeking partner teachers who are excited about instructing students in computer science and who teach within schools that will remain dedicated to quality computer science instruction.

While the ADE does not prescribe curriculum to a school or district, this is a resource offered by a non-profit organization with free curriculum for schools. To provide the highest quality of curriculum, Code.org provides professional development to create fidelity in the program. The terms and conditions below provide an overview of Code.org and ADE's expectations. Partner districts have the responsibility to negotiate and enter into a formal agreement with Code.org.

The partner teacher will

- participate in all four professional development phases (approximately 90 hours of training over 15 months beginning in May of 2015),
- teach the Code.org course and the standards found within the associated ADE approved Curriculum Framework with fidelity,
- participate in evaluation of the Code.org program and ADE/Code.org partnership, and
- be amenable to presenting, with appropriate training and guidance, quality professional development to other Arkansas educators.

The partner teacher's school will

- integrate at minimum, one of Code.org's High School Computer Science course into the school's computer science course curriculum,
- promote the new courses to the school community, using Code.org's marketing materials,
- guarantee that the partner teacher selected will teach a computer science course based on an appropriate ADE Curriculum Framework,
- provide a one-to-one computing environment and online connectivity of at least 10MB/sec,
- provide a time-slot within the master schedule and an appropriate room within the school for instruction,
- provide the materials and consumables that are part of the curriculum, and
- one administrator and counselor will attend in region professional development if available

The partner teacher's district will

- promote the new courses to the district, using Code.org's marketing materials,
- consider the Code.org PD, which ADE requests the teacher to attend, to satisfy district hourly requirements for annual professional development,
- consider a district-wide Hour of Code event each year that the Code.org curriculum is used,
- allow Code.org and ADE use of facilities for professional development of partner teachers (as needed) at no cost,
- allow Code.org and ADE to assess the program, including aspects of teacher professional development and student outcomes,
- sign a three-year agreement (renewable annually),
- sustain the program after the term of the agreement, and
- encourage computer science teachers to join the Arkansas chapter of the Computer Science Teachers Association or similar organization.

If you are interested in becoming a partner teacher, school, and/or district or have questions regarding this partnership please contact Anthony Owen, ADE K-12 Mathematics and Computer Science Curriculum Specialist, at anthony.owen@arkansas.gov or 501-682-7816.