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National Teachers Association Recognizes Arkansas for Developing K-8 Computer Science Standards

LITTLE ROCK — The Computer Science Teachers Association, a national organization that supports the teaching of computer science, recently issued a press release highlighting Arkansas' efforts in developing computer science academic standards for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

The organization recognized Arkansas for being the first state in the country to require every public high school to offer computer science courses. Arkansas also is the first state to develop comprehensive computer science standards, which will identify what students are expected to know at each grade level.

Many experts from the education and computer science fields have been working to develop the standards for Arkansas. The Arkansas Department of Education is currently seeking public feedback on the draft standards. To learn more, go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-framework-documents/computer-science>.

To read the CSTA press release, which includes a quote from Gov. Asa Hutchinson and ADE Commissioner Johnny Key, go to http://csta.acm.org/About/sub/AboutFiles/AR_CS_Release_12-4-15.docx_LTRHD.pdf. The release is also linked on the ADE webpage at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/resource-materials-for-lesson-plans/computer-science/computer-science-communications>.

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