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Gov. Hutchinson, ADE Announce Computer Science Enrollment Contest

LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Asa Hutchinson and the Arkansas Department of Education are pleased to announce the #ARKidsCanCode Computer Science Enrollment Contest for the 2016-2017 school year.

Arkansas continues to lead the nation in computer science education. Through Gov. Hutchinson's Computer Science Initiative, the number of computer science courses, as well as student enrollment in these courses, has increased.

"I am pleased to announce the #ARKidsCanCode Computer Science Enrollment Contest," Hutchinson said. "This competition is a great way to spur continued gains in the number of Arkansas students taking computer science courses. Competition breeds excellence, and we are excited to see how our schools rise to meet this challenge. I am proud that more of our students elect to take coding and computer science classes every semester. This is important as we continue to lead the nation in computer science education."

To honor schools for their outstanding effort to promote computer science education, two schools with the largest number of students enrolled in high school computer science courses for 2016-2017 will be recognized. Two additional schools with the largest percentage of students enrolled in high school computer science courses, as compared to total school enrollment, will be honored. One school with at least 1,000 students and one school with fewer than 1,000 students will be recognized in each category later this fall.

One Arkansas school will be selected via a drawing to win a technology prize package. Entries into the drawing are based on computer science enrollment percentages, enrollment growth, course offerings, number of teachers certified, school and community events, and school enrollment promotion activities.

More information about the #ARKidsCanCode Computer Science Enrollment Contest is available in Commissioner's Memo COM-17-009 at <http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?>

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