



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 January 15, 2025

## 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 2026-2027 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 \$41,500 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 \$32,000 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 became available to LEAs through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system available via NJDOE's Homeroom on December 13, 2024. LEAs are required to submit applications by January 15, 2025.

### Technical Assistance Webinar:

Two duplicate webinars to support LEAs with the application process will be held by NJDOE staff on [December 20, 2024](#), from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. E.T., and [January 7, 2025](#), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. E.T. Please register on the [NJDOE calendar of events](#).

**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](mailto:computerscience@doe.nj.gov).

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