

## Office of Teaching and Learning

# Computer Science Technology Assistance Grant (CSTAG)

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### Purpose

The Computer Science Technical Assistance Grant (CSTAG) provides funds to support the implementation of the [Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan](#).

### Application Process

As school systems complete the annual Strategic Planning and Budgeting process through Super App, LEAs can respond to questions under the Computer Science heading in section 6: Strong School Systems. School systems will indicate the number of grades 6-12 certified computer science teachers and select “yes” or “no” to the question “Is the LEA interested in applying for CSTAG funds to support the implementation of the Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan?”

### Eligibility

Any public school system or public charter school system may apply for the Computer Science Technology Assistance Grant (CSTAG).

### Structure and Use

Grants of up to \$40,000 are available to school systems and should be used to address identified needs within the system to support the implementation of the [Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan](#). Up to 60% of the grant funds may be used for substitute fees, travel expenses, teacher stipends, or other professional learning costs. A maximum of 40% of the grant may be used to purchase technology or software for student use in computer science.

### Approved Training Providers

The current list of approved professional development providers includes:

- [Code.org](#),
- the [Ignite initiative](#),
- the [Energize Initiative](#),
- [Louisiana STEM Pathway](#) course-specific training,
- the approved [Louisiana Industry-Based Credential Provider](#) list, and
- the [College Board’s approved Advanced Placement Provider](#) list.

### Timeline and Fund Dispersal

Funds will be available via eGMS to awarded school systems once approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) following the Super App timeline for approval and distribution.

### Additional questions or support

Please send any additional questions to [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov).