

Computer Science is Elementary Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Who is eligible to apply?	Schools districts and non-public school systems (or stand-alone non-public schools) with an elementary building of at least 40 percent of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. Must be targeted primarily to one high-poverty school, yet other schools in the district or system may benefit, such as participating in computer science professional development. The free and reduced priced lunch data can be found here .
How do we apply?	The application portal will be live on January 22, 2019. To apply, visit www.lowaSTEM.gov/CSElementary
When will applications open and close?	Applications will open on January 22, 2019, and close on March 29, 2019.
When will announcements of awards be made?	Awards will be announced by summer 2019.
What is the timeline for using the award resources?	The award must be used by June 30, 2021. We encourage submitting of invoices as expenditures are made.
Are there technical resources that I can go to if I have questions while developing my application?	Yes, including Loess Hills Elementary Blueprint and the Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council via info@lowaSTEM.gov . We will review questions and add them to our FAQ as they are generated.
Is there a blueprint or model in the State of Iowa we can use as a starting point for developing our proposal?	Yes, Loess Hills Elementary in Sioux City is a great model for this initiative. The blueprint may be found here .
If we are a non-public school and not in a system, may we still apply for the grant?	Yes, if your school is part of a non-public system, the system must submit an application. However, if your accredited school is not part of a larger system or an individual building, you may still submit an application.
What is meant by a stand-alone or integrated models?	<p>Elementary Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Integrated into the general classroom ● Integrated into an existing special (e.g., media arts, computer lab) ● Independent special (similar to Science, Music, Art; kindergarten to Grade 6)

	<p>Middle Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent course at a particular grade level or at all grade levels
What is meant by under-represented populations for the purpose of this application?	Students who are African-American, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
Will there be additional consideration for rural vs. urban communities?	Selecting a mix of rural and urban communities will be an additional consideration.
Do our community/business partners have to support us financially?	We encourage all applicants to have more than one community partner. They may provide expertise, opportunities for students, in-kind donations or financial support. They are not required to provide financial support.
Must teachers have a computer science endorsement to participate?	No.
Does my application require certain technology or a 1:1?	Certainly not. These activities can be done unplugged.
Can I apply if we already provide computer science instruction in our elementary grades?	Yes.
I am not a typical elementary school (K-6). Can I apply?	Yes, as long as your application includes at least one of the grades K-6, and eventually expands to additional elementary grade levels.