# Ohio Revised Code

## Section 3319.236 Qualifications to teach computer science.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) or (E) of this section, a school district shall require an individual to hold a valid educator license in computer science, or have a license endorsement in computer technology and a passing score on a content examination in the area of computer science, to teach computer science courses.

(B) A school district may employ an individual, for the purpose of teaching computer science courses, who holds a valid educator license, provided the individual meets the requirements established by rules of the state board of education to qualify for a supplemental teaching license for teaching computer science. The rules shall require an applicant for a supplemental teaching license to pass a content examination in the area of computer science. The rules also shall permit an individual, after at least two years of successfully teaching computer science courses under the supplemental teaching license, to advance to a standard educator license in computer science by completing a pedagogy course applicable to the grade levels in which the individual is teaching. However, the rules may exempt an individual teaching computer science from the requirement to complete a pedagogy course if the individual previously completed a pedagogy course applicable to the grade levels in which the individual is teaching.

(C) In order for an individual to teach advanced placement computer science courses, a school district shall require the individual to also complete a professional development program endorsed or provided by the organization that creates and administers national advanced placement examinations. For this purpose, the individual may complete the program at any time during the calendar year.

(D) Notwithstanding section 3301.012 of the Revised Code, as used in this section, "computer science courses" means any courses that are reported in the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code as computer science courses and which are aligned to computer science standards adopted by the department of education and workforce.

(E) The state board of education shall adopt rules to create a computer science teaching license for industry professionals to teach computer science to specific grades. The holder of a computer science teaching license for industry professionals shall be limited to teaching forty hours in a week in the subject area of computer science. The superintendent of public instruction shall consult with the chancellor of higher education in creating and revising the requirements for computer science teacher licensure.

(F) Licenses issued under this section shall specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades kindergarten through twelve, pre-kindergarten through five, grades four through nine, or grades seven through twelve.