

Ohio Revised Code Section 3333.129 "Teach CS" grant program.

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- (A) The "Teach CS" grant program is established to support increasing the number of Ohio teachers who qualify to teach computer science, or expand the knowledge of existing teachers, through all of the following:
- (1) A supplemental license that involves a mentorship-based pathway for existing teachers;
- (2) A university endorsement program that involves a coursework-based path for existing teachers;
- (3) An alternative resident educator licensure pathway for industry experts and other nonteachers;
- (4) A continuing education program that offers professional development to existing teachers, including those that teach pre-kindergarten to twelve who are generalists and those seeking advanced content knowledge.

The chancellor of higher education shall administer the program. Funds may be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, performance-based incentives, and for other purposes as determined by the chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education.

(B) The chancellor, in consultation with the department of education and workforce, shall develop an application process and criteria for awards. Priority may be given to education consortia that include economically disadvantaged schools in which there are limited computer science courses offered or where there is an unmet need for teachers credentialed to teach computer science courses, as determined by the chancellor.