## WeTeach\_CS and You Can Too!

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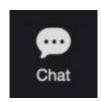
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- 9:55 10:00 CT Participant Login
- 10:00 10:05 CT Introduction
- 10:05 11:10 CT Featured Speaker Carol Fletcher, Ph.D.
- 11:10 11:15 CT Q&A
- 11:15 11:25 CT TI Representative Pareesa Schulte
- 11:25 11:30 CT Q&A/Closing











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### Today's Goals

- Why teach CS?
- Who should take CS?
- What does CS look like across America?
- What counts as CS?
- How can your district teach CS?













# What will her world be like in 2038?

#### **TEXAS**







#### What Happened in 2004?

100 million fax machines worldwide





The iPod was revolutionizing music

Blockbuster ruled the world!



#### What Hadn't Happened Yet in 2004?



Amazon stock was \$44/share (it's \$3,342/share now)









## Our job is to prepare today's students for their future, not our past.





### **CSforAll is our mission!**









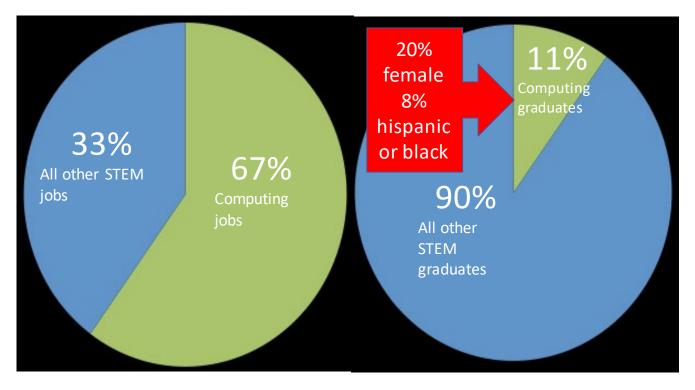








#### The STEM problem is in CS



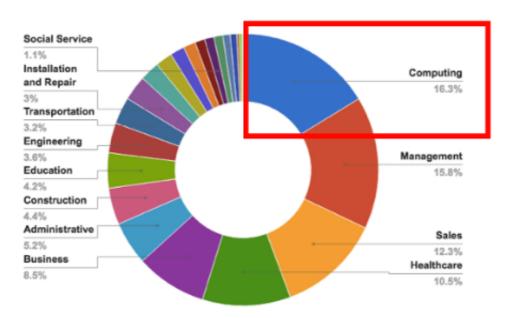
#### TEXAS







## Computing jobs are the #1 source of new wages in the United States



500,000 current openings: These jobs are in *every* industry and *every* state, and they're projected to grow at twice the rate of all other jobs.

#### **Computing is revolutionizing EVERY field**

Counselor and Administrator Webinar 2020-21











Transportation





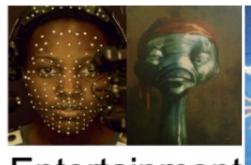


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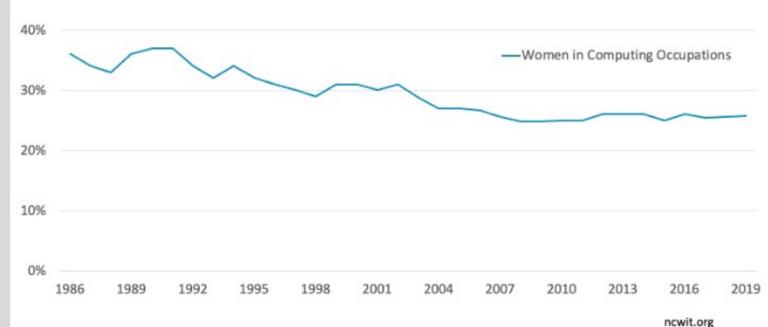






## Computing Occupations Held by Women Declining Since 1991

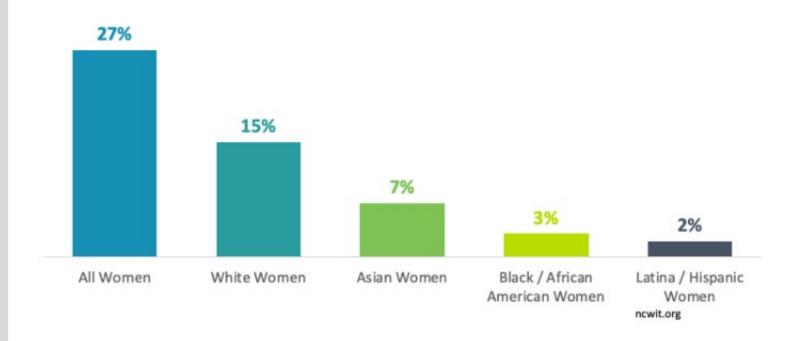




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## Percentage of Computing Jobs Held by Women





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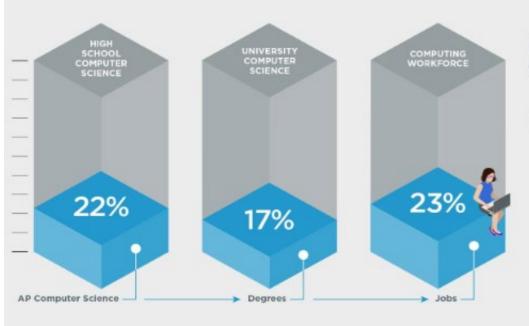








#### The diversity problem in tech starts in schools



Women who try
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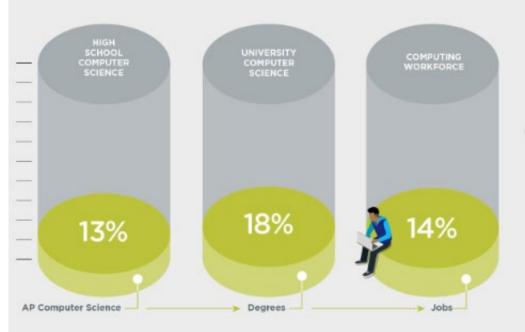








#### The diversity problem in tech starts in schools



Hispanic and Black students who try **AP Computer** Science in high school are seven times more likely to major in it in college.

#### **National K-12 CSEd Landscape**

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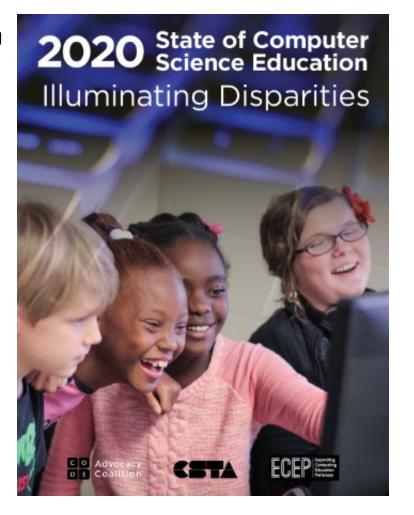




- Annual report published by Code.org
   Advocacy Coalition, CSTA, and
   ECEP
- Detailed data for every state
- Access report & your state's fact sheet at

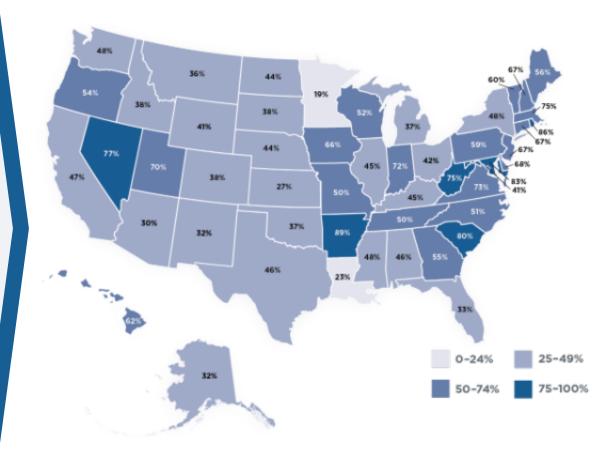
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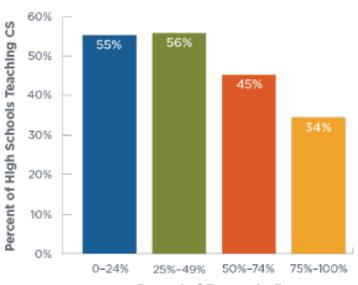
#### K-12 CS Access Report

from all 50 states shows that just 47% of public high schools teach at least one foundational computer science course.



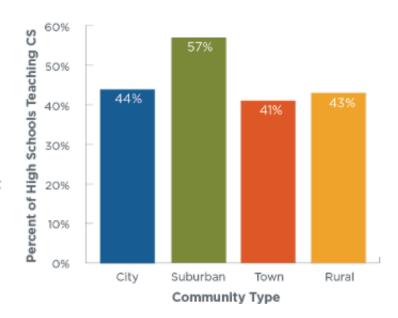
#### K-12 Computer Science Access Report

#### Income Level and Access to Computer Science



Percent of Economically
Disadvantaged Students in the School\*

#### Percent of High Schools Teaching Computer Science by Community Type



#### Disparities in Access

students from marginalized racial and ethnic groups are underrepresented in taking AP computer science exams, even when they attend a school that teaches it.

They are also less likely to take an exam than their white and Asian peers.

#### National AP CS Access and Participation by Race/Ethnicity

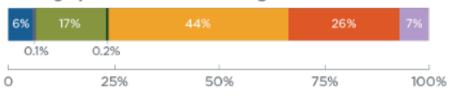
#### Overall Student Demographics



#### Demographics in Schools Teaching AP CS



#### **Demographics of Students Taking AP CS Exams**



Black/African American

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Hispanic/Latino/Latina

Native American/Alaskan

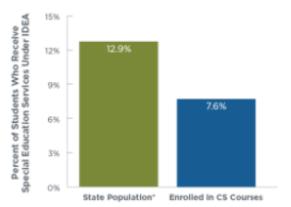
White

Asian

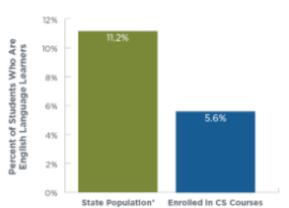
2+ Races/Other

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Texas **provided data on the demographics of students enrolled in CS courses**.

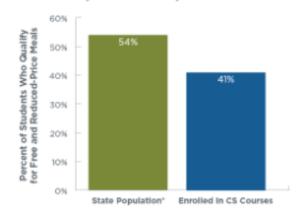
#### Students with Disabilities and Participation in Computer Science



English Language Learners and Participation in Computer Science

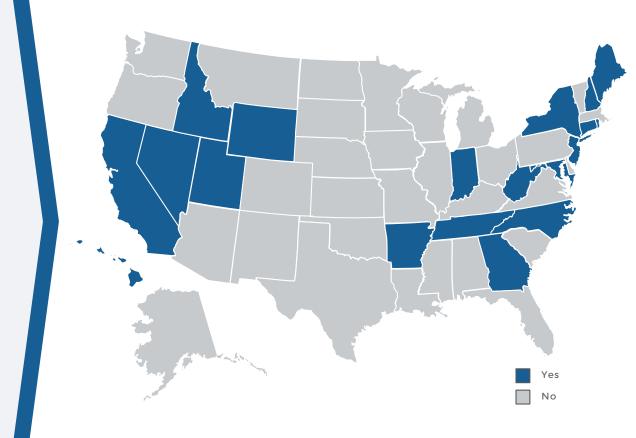


**Economically Disadvantaged Students** and Participation in Computer Science



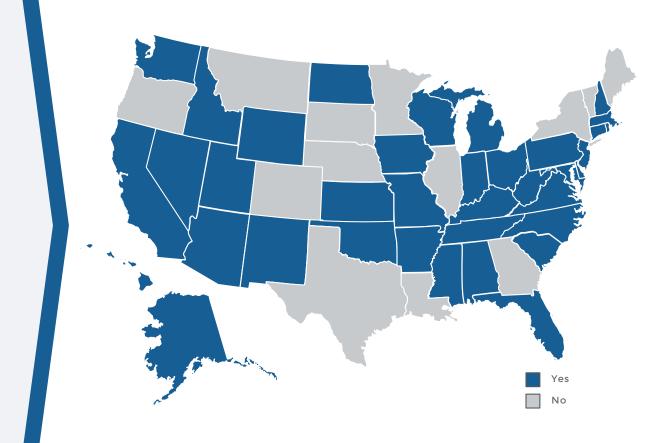
## State Plan for K-12 CS

18 states



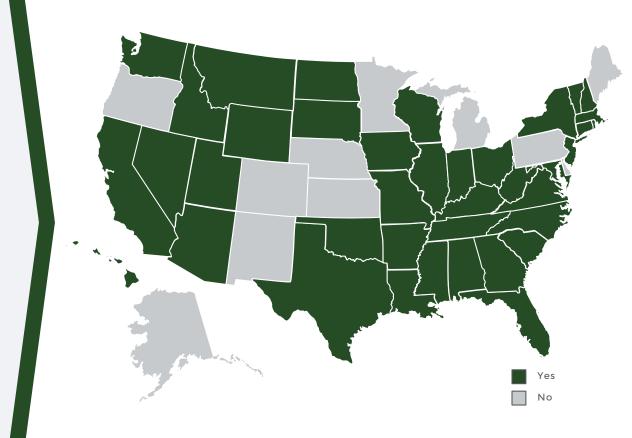
#### K-12 CS Standards

57 states



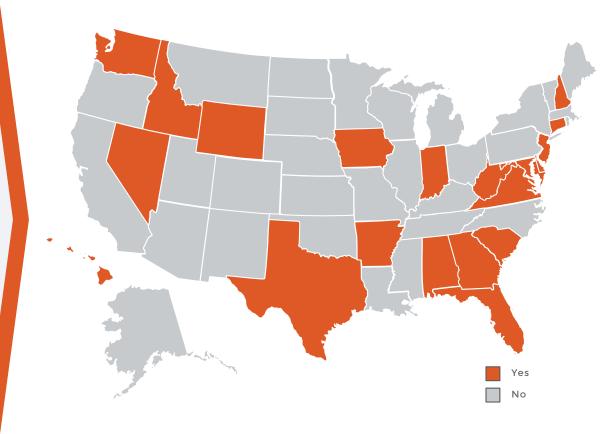
#### CS Teacher Certification

40 states + DC



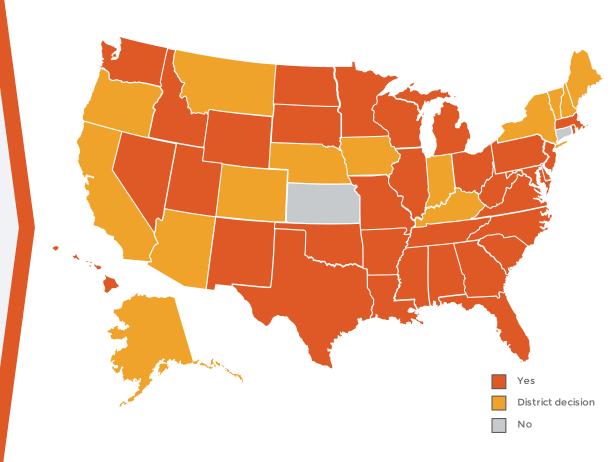
## All High Schools Offer CS

20 states



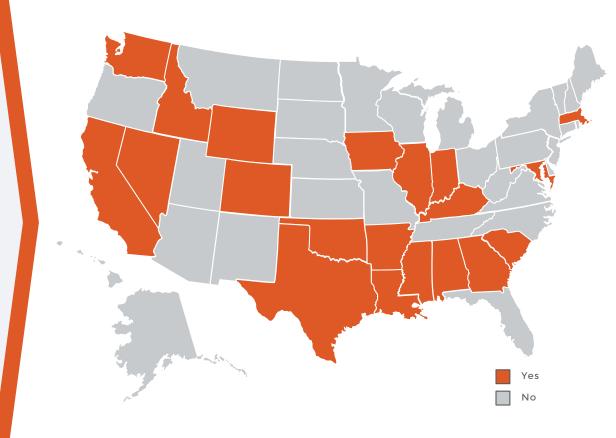
#### Core Graduation Credit





## Higher Education Admission

20 states











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# Computers and software are changing everything...

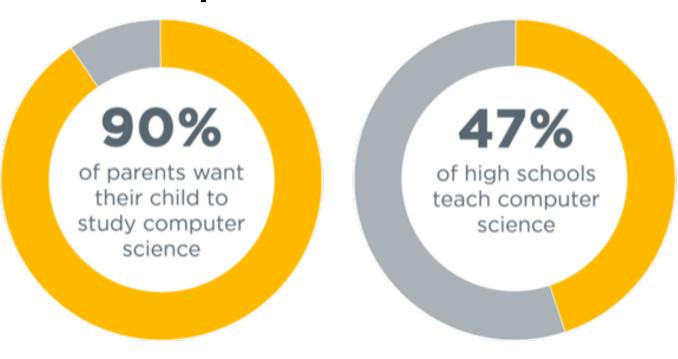








## ...but the majority of schools don't teach computer science











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In times of change, **learners** inherit the earth; while the **learned** find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer







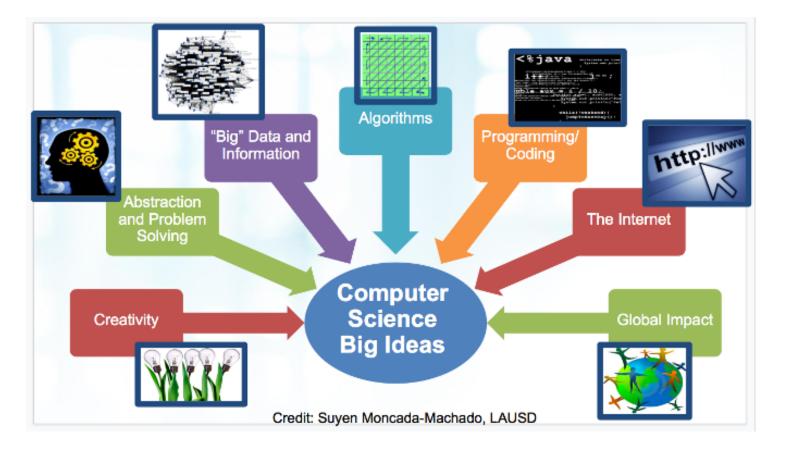






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#### What Counts as a CS class (and what doesn't)?



#### What doesn't counts as CS?



- Keyboarding
- Learn productivity applications and tools like Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.
- Being able to play games, text, do social media, navigate apps
- Computer Literacy
- Educational Technology
- BIM















## How to Grow Your CS Program











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**Participation** 

#### Student outcomes

How does the quality of instruction differ across subgroups of students? How does this affect learning?

#### Student enrollment

Which subgroups are underrepresented in CS courses? To what extent?

Access

#### Course Offerings

Are CS courses offered in low-income schools at similar rates to other schools?

Capacity
for CS Education

#### Teachers, funding, policies

Do districts in all geographic areas have access to CS-certified teachers?

**Fletcher, C.L. &** Warner, J.R. (2021, February). CAPE: A Framework for Assessing Equity throughout the Computer Science Education Ecosystem. *Communications of the ACM, 64(2), 23-25.* doi:10.1145/3442373

https://cacm.acm.org/magazines/2021/2/250074-cape/fulltext



## WeTeach\_CS Measurable Outcomes



















#### WeTeach\_CS Measurable Outcomes

1 Increase the number of certified Computer Science teachers in Texas



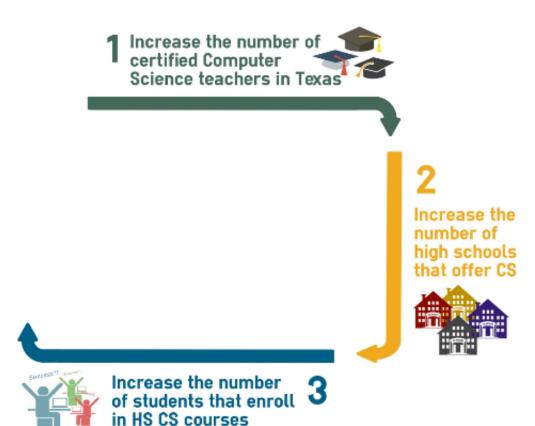












## WeTeach\_CS Measurable Outcomes

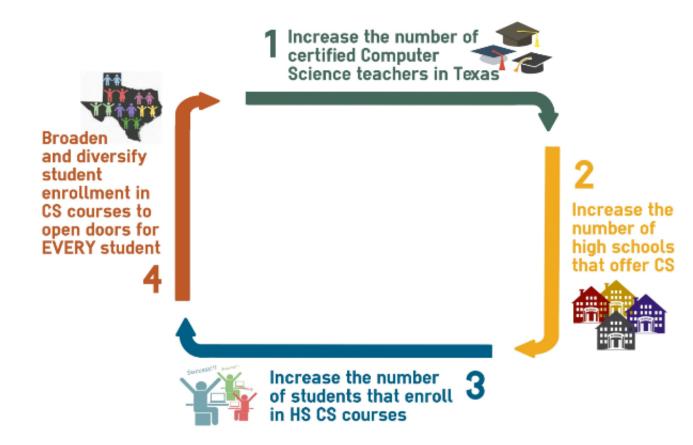
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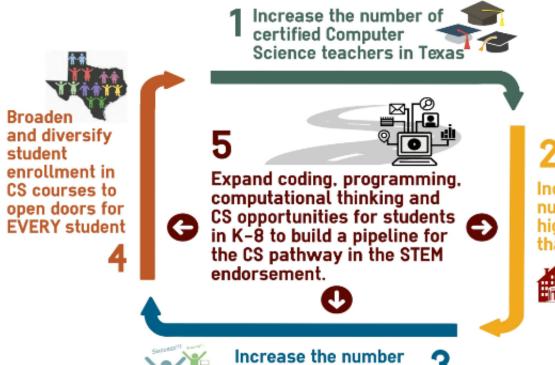
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Increase the number of high schools that offer CS



of students that enroll in HS CS courses

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## How can your district grow a CS program?



Microsoft Philanthropies

- 1. Build teacher capacity
- 2. Identify aligned curriculum
- 3. Find partners to help
- 4. Connect to your state's CS Community









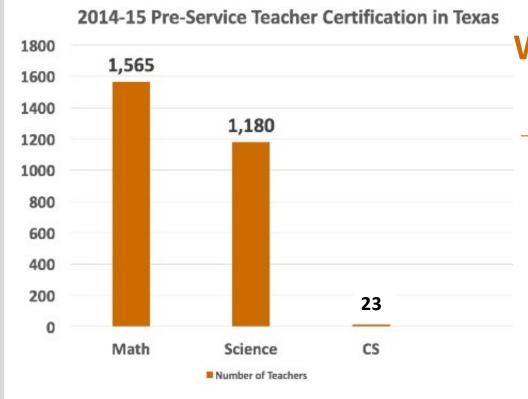






# TEXAS TACC TACC

## **Looking Back...**



# Where Are the CS Teachers?

Only 23 individuals completed a pre-service teacher education program to become certified in Grades 8-12 Computer Science.

#### **No CS Teachers - No CS Students**

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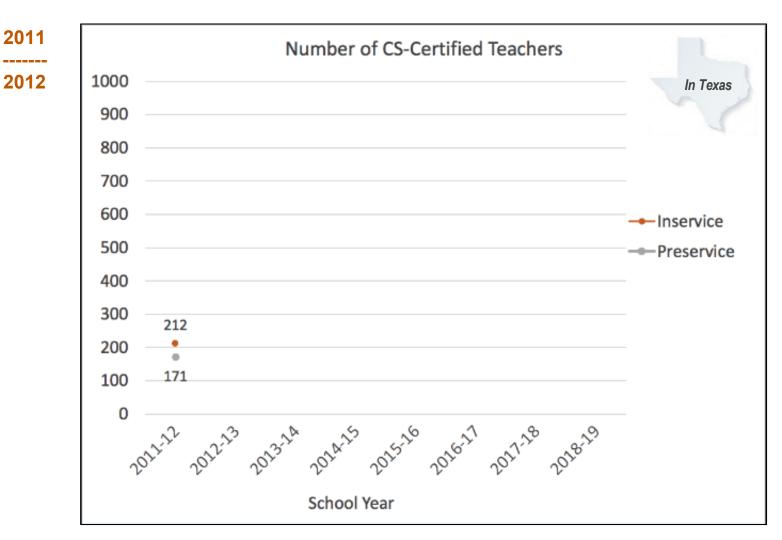
Less than 3% of Texas high school students in 2014-15 completed a CS course.









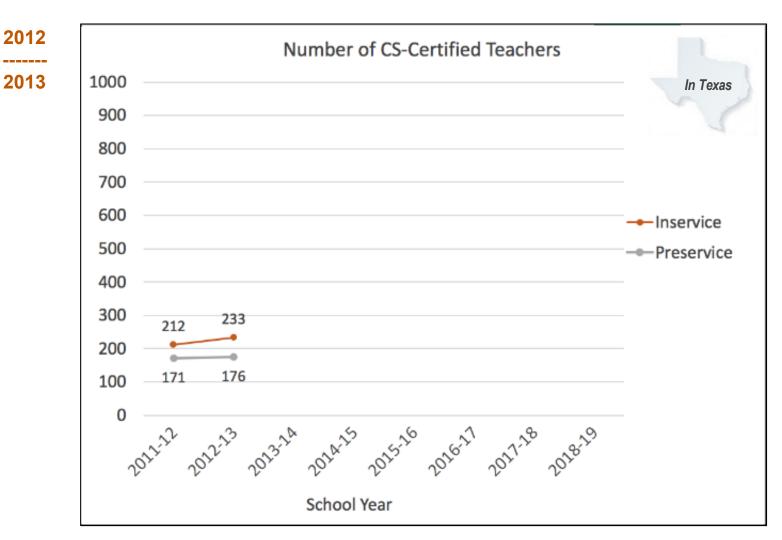










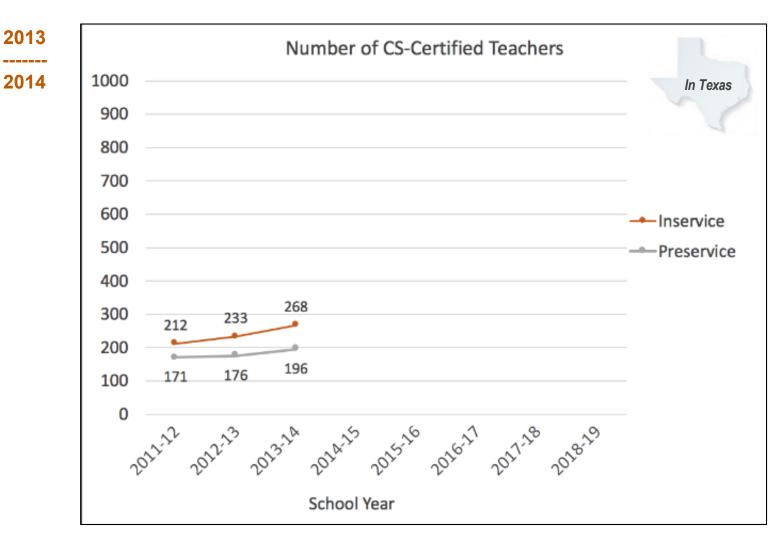












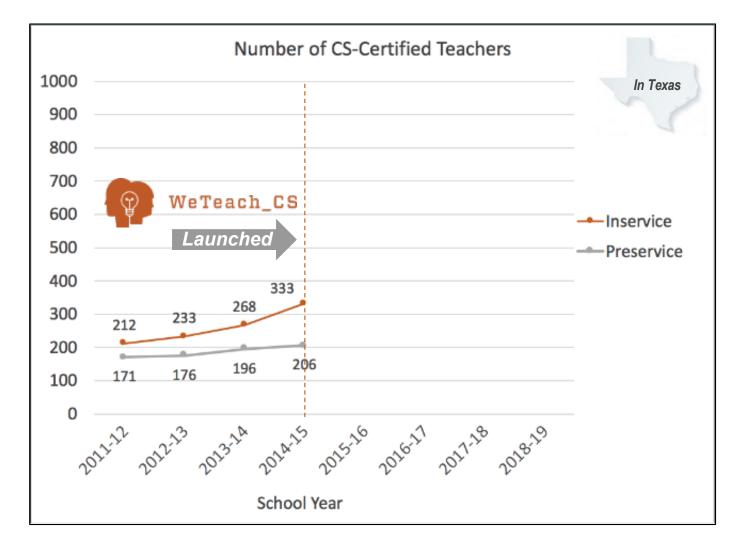












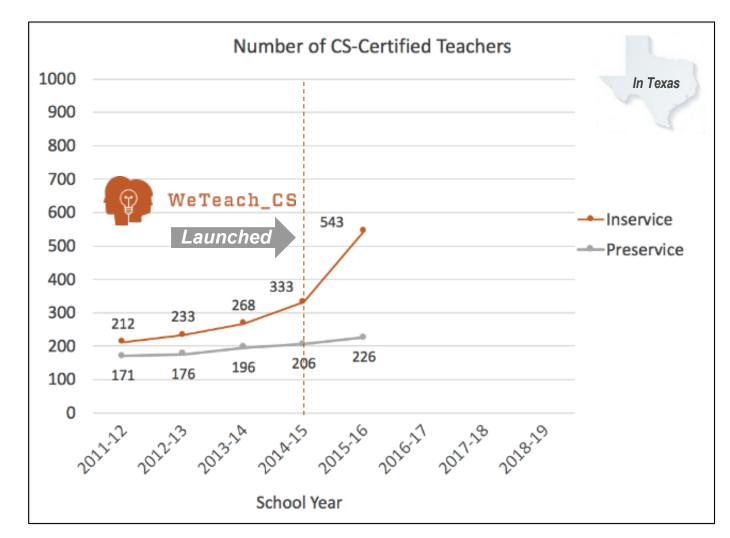












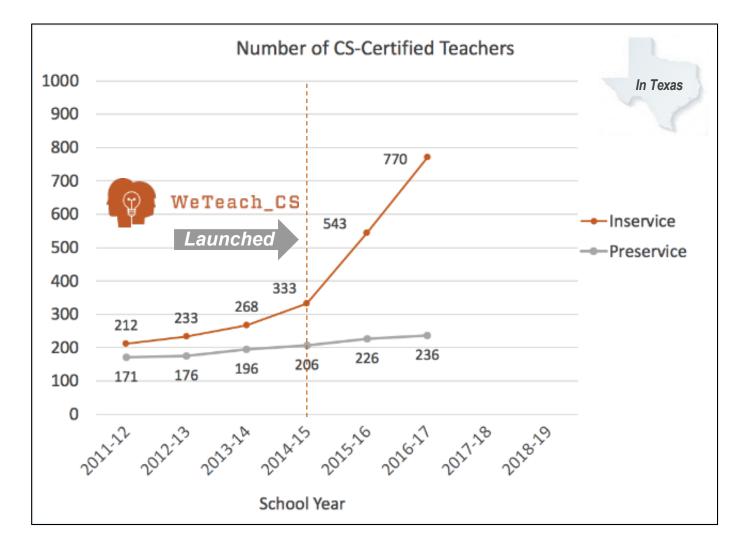












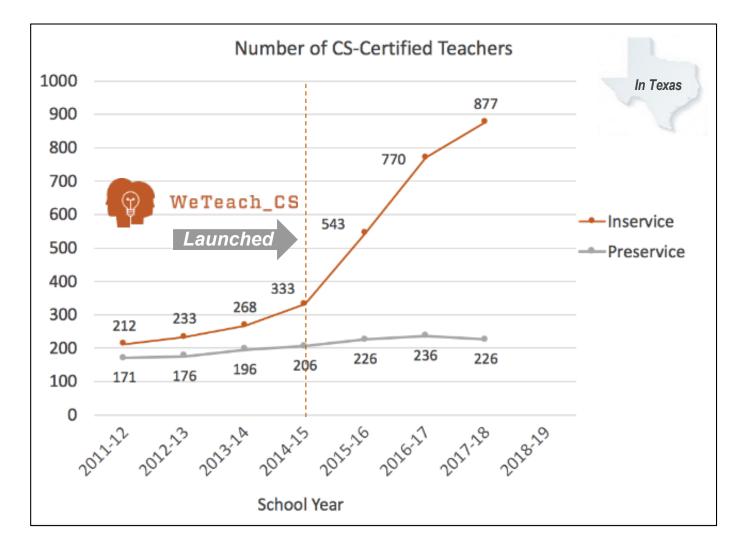


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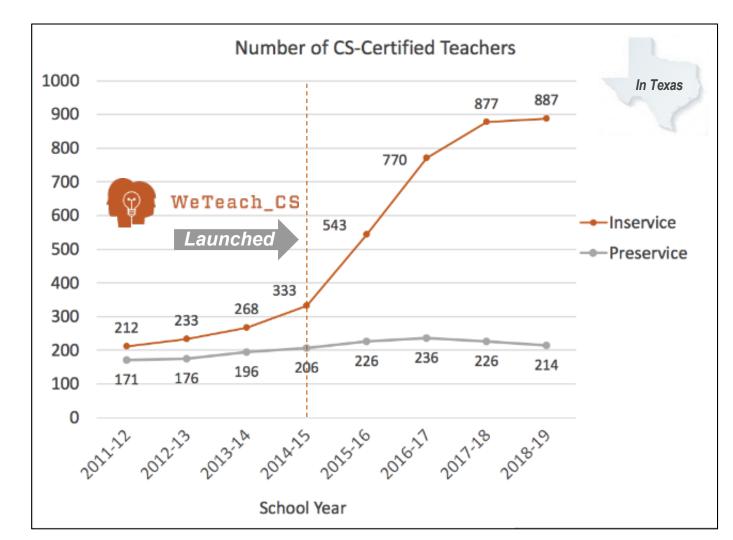












## Number of CS Certified Teachers In Texas who received the Certification Incentive Program (CIP) \$1,000 Stipend





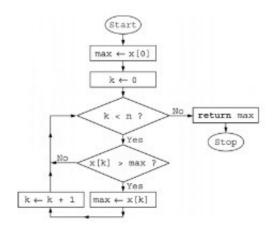




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**TEXES Computer Science** 8-12 (241) Certification











## **Proven Strategies for Building Teacher Capacity**

- Start with inservice teachers who are committed to the profession.
- Align PD to the specific content they need to master to pass the certification exam (TExES, Praxis, Pearson).
- Provide in-person prep sessions and study materials (WeTeach\_CS Cert Prep)
- Develop self-paced online course that models effective pedagogy.
- Support teachers in cohorts who learn together.
- Provide incentives for teachers to add these skills.
- Scaffold PD to meet teacher needs.
- Connect teachers to the larger CSEd Community.











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## Foundations of CS for Teachers



- Self-paced, online course covering all competencies measured on TExES 241, Praxis 5652, and Pearson exams
- Additional live webinars & certification prep
- Access to over 700 practice question addressing every subject area covered on the exam
- A comprehensive final, which mimics the actual 100 question CS 8-12 certification exam.
- Perpetual access to all instructional materials and videos in the course, even after course completion and authorization to use them for instruction in your own CS classroom.
- Over 500 Successful Teachers!









Open **Enrollment Self-Paced** 

7.0 Weeks

6 Hours per Week

40 CPE Hours

## WeTeach\_CS National Expansion since 2018

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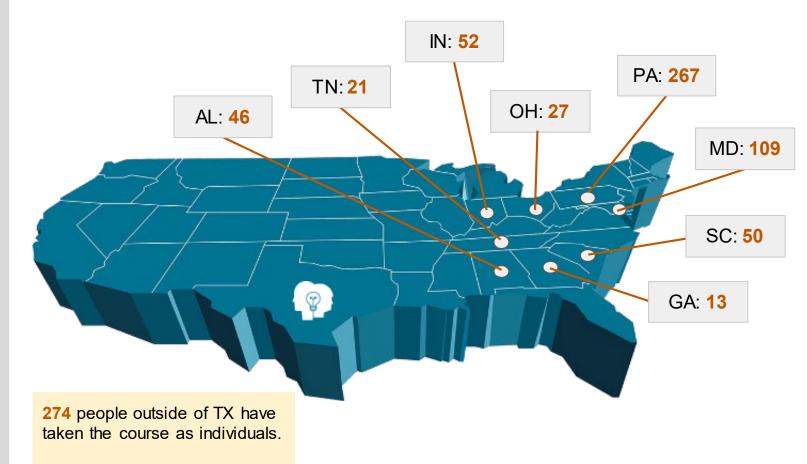








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### **Virtual / In-Person Courses**

- Introduction to Programming
- CS Jumpstart w/ TI
- Code.org CS Fundamentals
- WeTeach AP®CSA
- WeTeach\_CS Certification Prep
- How WeTeach\_CS for HS
- WeTeach\_Java
- WeTeach\_Python
- WeTeach\_Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals
- Cybersecurity Webinars







Summit 2021

June 30-July 2, 2021

WeTeachCS.org



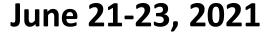






## **CS Jumpstart**







- Introduction to Programming (Block-Based to Text)
- Python Programming
   With TI-Nspire™ CX II, Innovator,
   And Rover

(Easily integrates into Math & Science Classes)









## WeTeach\_Java

#### **Date TBA**

Introductory programming class that provides teachers with **foundational knowledge** in Java programming.

- Simple output techniques to data types, operators, conditionals and loops.
- More complex data structures such as arrays and ArrayLists













## WeTeach\_Python

June 14-17, 2021

This class explores **advanced** concepts and strategies of programming in Python.

- Linux basics using raspberry pi's
- Data science / computational science with Jupyter Notebooks
- Introduction to High Performance Computing using mpi4py as Dask





Prior programming experience in Python is required for this course.



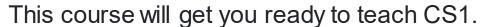






## **How WeTeach\_CS for High School**

June 10-11, 2021



- Lesson plans
- Student lessons
- Videos
- Study guides
- Practice activities
- Projects
- Labs / lab solutions
- Assessments









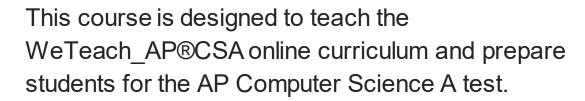




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## How WeTeach\_AP®CSA

June 21-24, 2021



- Language used: Java
- Online lessons and videos
- Labs using Repl.it





It is highly recommended teachers have prior knowledge in computer science as well as **Java programming and** passed a certification instrument for computer science (Ex: TExES, Praxis, Pearson).









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## WeTeach\_Java Espresso

#### **Date TBA**

This course explores **advanced** programming concepts in Java and computer science theory, including:

- Object Oriented Programming
- Searching
- Sorting
- Data Structures
- Binary Trees
- Recursion
- Boolean Algebra



## WeTeach\_Cybersecurity Webinars Spring 2021

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## **Spring 2021 Webinars**

January 12, 2021 Wireless Lans

February 9, 2021 Cloud Security

March 9, 2021 **Subnetting** 

April 13, 2021
Digital Forensics

All Webinars: 6 - 7 pm CT









# Cybersecurity 101

#### **Registration:**

https://utakeit.tacc.utex as.edu/cybersecuritywebinars-2020/







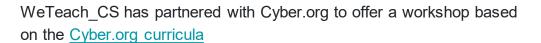


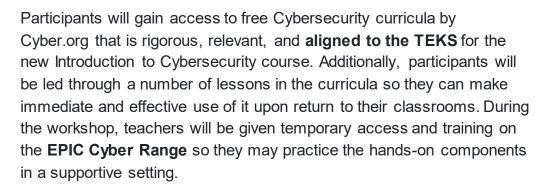


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## **Cybersecurity Fundamentals**

July 20-21, 2021





This workshop is appropriate for high school educators that will be teaching Foundations of Cybersecurity and/or those interested in learning more about cybersecurity standards and the course.





#### Registration:

https://utakeit.tacc.u texas.edu/cybersec urityfundamentals2021/









## WeTeach\_Cybersecurity



## July 22-23, 2021

This course is a continuation of Cybersecurity Fundamentals discussing more advanced material. WeTeach\_CS has partnered with Cyber.org to offer a workshop based on the <a href="Cyber.org curricula">Cyber.org curricula</a>. During the workshop, teachers will be given temporary access and training on the <a href="EPIC Cyber Range">EPIC Cyber Range</a> so they may practice the hands-on components in a supportive setting.



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#### Registration:

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## Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS)

WiCyS is an international organization dedicated to bringing together women in cybersecurity from academia, research, and industry, to share knowledge, experience, networking, and mentoring.

Contact: info@wicys.org

Website: https://www.wicys.org/initiatives/student-chapters/





#### Benefits:

Scholarships
Internships
Job Resources
Mentors
Leadership Skills
Technical Skills
Presentation
Opportunities
WiCyS Conference







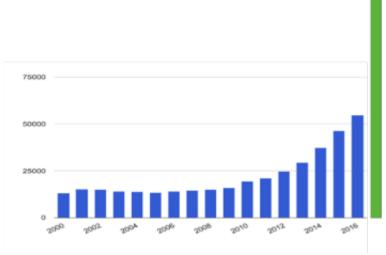




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## **AP CS Principles course**

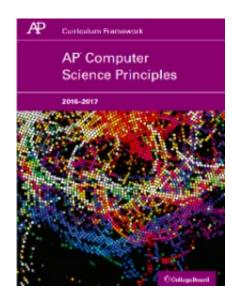
- Designed specifically to broaden participation in CS
- Numerous free curricula available
- No specific programming language required
- Project Based
- Encourages collaboration and creativity



Computer Science: The fastest growing AP course this decade

25% increase in female participation

38% increase in underrepresented minorities















- 100% Aligned to TEKS for CS I
- Completely online
- Optional student accounts
- Everything a teacher needs to teach a full year course including 180 days worth of lessons, labs, assessments, videos, & online IDE integration
- Scratch → Jeroo → Java



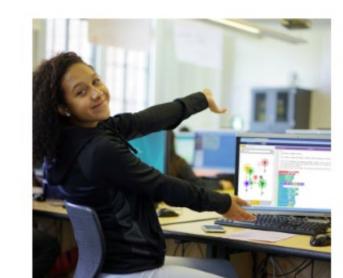
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Purchase a 2020-21 teacher subscription and get the 2021-22 full year subscription for FREE!













CYB=R.ORG



https://k12cs.org



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#### **EPIC STEM Evaluation Services**

## Strategic Planning Services to Expand CS K-12 Pathways:

- Identify where you are, where you want to go, and how to get there
- Assess strengths, resources and opportunities for building capacity and pathways
- Facilitate CSforAll SCRIPT workshops to collaboratively envision, plan, implement and assess inclusive CS K-12 pathways



csforall.org









## **TEALS Program**

Application (Oct-Feb)

Select curriculum & recruit teacher

Submit Application to TEALS

- Requires
  - Classroom Teacher
  - District Contact
  - School Administration Contact

Onboarding (Jan-May)

TEALS Interview

Schedule CS class during 1st period of day

Recruit & enroll students

Recruit volunteers through school community & network



**TEALS Program** 



Brooklyn College Academy, Brooklyn NY

Learn More: Microsoft.com/TEALS

Apply online: <a href="mailto:aka.ms/TEALS-School-Application">aka.ms/TEALS-School-Application</a>









# **Proven Strategies for Diverse Student Recruitment**

- DO: Recruit in clusters clubs, sports, besties
- DO: Extend a personal invitation particularly effective for girls
- DO: Focus on student interests, not inputs
  - DON'T ask "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Ask "What problems do you want to solve?"
  - DON'T predicate success in CS with success in math
- DO: Use current students to help you recruit
- DO: Engage parents
- DO: Create policies for equity and diversity











## Math Pathways are Highly Predictive of Subsequent CS Course Taking

EPIC team research indicates the **strongest predictor** of enrollment in high school CS was completion of **Algebra I in Grade 8**.

Factor	Change in Odds
Algebra I before HS	102% compared to Alg I after Grade 8
Female students	72%  compared to males
URM students	36% J compared to White or Asian students
Free/Reduced Meals	12%  compared to non-eligible students
G/T students	77% 🕆 compared to non-G/T



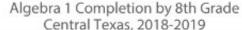


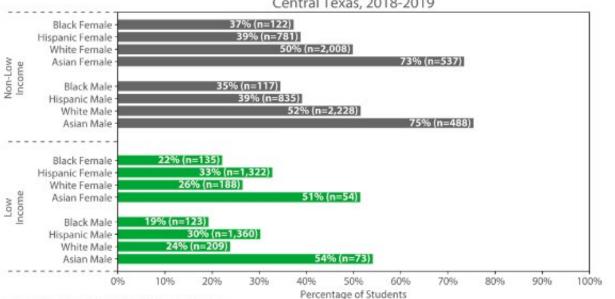




## What are your district's policies around who gets into advanced math

# Algebra 1 Completion by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Varies Greatly by Race, Income and Gender





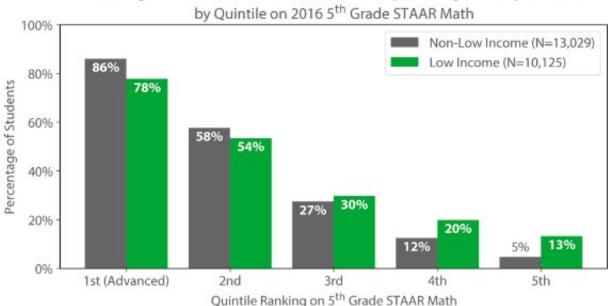


Source: Ef Alliance analysis of PEINS data at the UT Austin Education. Research Center

## Where are the highly capable (top 40% in Grade 5) low-income students?

# 78% of Highest Scoring Low Income 5th **Graders Were in Algebra I by 8th Grade**

Percentage of Central Texas Students Who Completed Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by Quintile on 2016 5th Grade STAAR Math





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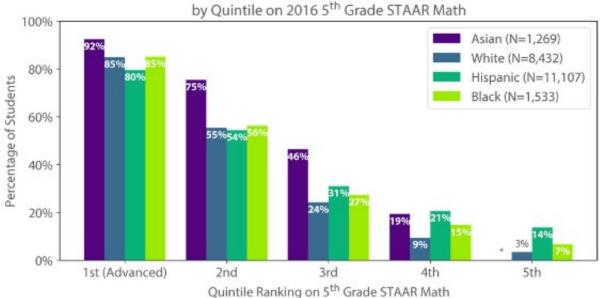
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## Why aren't high achieving Black and Brown students enrolled in advanced math?

# 4/5 of Highest Achieving Hispanic Students

Were in Algebra I by 8th Grade







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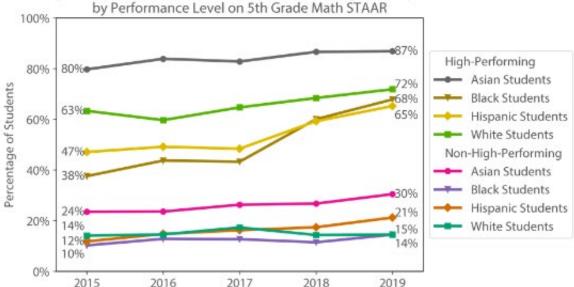
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Source: E3 Alliance analysis of PEIMS data at the UT Austin Education. Research Center

# **Opt-out policies** in MS for high achievers rather than Opt-in leads to notable improvements in diversity in early Algebra

# Increase in Alg 1 Completion Among High and Non-High-Performing Students of Color

Percentage of Central Texas Students Who Completed Algebra 1 by 8th Grade











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Even the HIGHEST PERFORMING Black and Hispanic students are less likely to take Algebra 1 by 8th grade than White or Asian students



















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Students with one year of math beyond Algebra 2 were TWICE as likely to get a college degree or certificate

**Half** as many low-income students take Algebra1 by 8th grade as their non-low

**income** peers

Race/ethnicity gaps in **8th grade Algebra 1** have remained unchanged over the past five years

White & Asian Students are TWICE as likely to take Algebra 1 in 8th grade than Black & Hispanic students

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www.ncwit.org/c4c



The NCWIT Counselors for Computing (C4C) program provides information and resources that help counselors join the front line of the computing conversation.

We bring people and programs together with professional development, knowledge, and resources to give all students access to transformative computing careers.









Free Resources available from NCWIT C4C (Counselors for Computing) Initiative include:

- Informational webinar
- Information sheets
- Pathways to Computing Careers Cards (Military, Community College & 4 Yr.)
- Lesson Plans....and more!

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**Intersecting Pathways to a Computing Career** 







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TI Talks February 2021



Top 10 Ways to Engage School Counselors as Allies in the Effort to Increase Student Access to Computer

**Science Education and Careers** 





School counselors are eager to direct students to viable education and career opportunities. Consider these key points for collaboration as you plan to meet with counselors to discuss ways their professional responsibilities align with your goals to increase student access to computing.









# **Share with colleagues:**

- Bridging the Encouragement Gap in Computing
- NCWIT Tips: 8 Ways to Give Students More Effective Feedback
   Using a Growth Mindset
- Top 10 Ways Families Can Encourage Girls' Interest in Computing
- Top 10 Ways to Engage Underrepresented Students in Computing
- Top 10 Ways of Recruiting High School Women into Your
   Computing Classes









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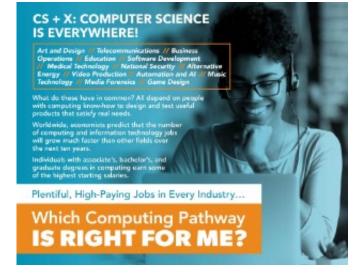
## **Resources for Students**



Why Should Young People Consider Careers in Computing and Information Technology?
What should you tell a young person about IT careers? How can they prepare now for a career in IT?

The web version has clickable links that bring to the Bureau of Labor Statistics where folks can learn more. This makes for a great asynchronous learning career lesson - ideal in our times of remote learning!

www.ncwit.org/youngwomen



#### Which computing pathway is right for me?

This resource explains how computing interests and talents line up with different undergraduate courses of study and the careers that follow. <a href="https://www.ncwit.org/pace">www.ncwit.org/pace</a>



#### Pathway cards:

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   Computing Careers
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## **Questions?**











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- Teaching Positions
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# Thank you!

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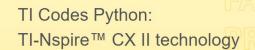




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#### Upcoming Events







https://utakeit.tacc.utexas.edu/CS\_Jumpstart\_Jun2021/



Begin With the End in Mind: Tapping Into Partner Strengths To Expand College Access

March 4, 2021 | 1 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern time/Noon - 1:30 p.m. Central time

Traci O. Aucoin, the Lafayette Parish School System GEAR UP Project Director, will focus on seeking and prioritizing partnerships and building intentional relationships within those partnerships.

See details > Register now >



# Thank You

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## Daily events

- » Find handouts shared by presenters on session overview pages
- » All sessions will be available on demand through May 31
- » Share your feedback in the session survey daily prize drawings!
- » T³IC Challenge: Answer trivia questions, get on the leaderboard daily prize drawings!
- » Continue the conversation in Slack
- » Visit the Exhibit Hall | 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Central time



#### Coming up

Next Saturday, Feb. 20:

- » Keynote Dan Finkel | 10 11 a.m. Central time
- » Birds of a Feather sessions | 3 − 3:30 p.m. Central time
  - o CAS, Coding and Computer Science, Statistics, STEM and Engineering



