

Approval for Teaching Computer Science (ACS)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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- 1. What is the ACS permission Code?**
The ACS is a portable (district to district) teacher permission code which permits teachers with an existing high school certification to teach ALL Computer Science courses in the course catalog.
- 2. How do teachers acquire the ACS permission Code?**
Teachers will complete a Professional Learning Program provided by Advance Kentucky. The Professional Learning Program is a year-long commitment, consisting of a five-day in-person summer workshop, plus follow up academic year workshops hosted in-person or virtually. Moving forward, additional training programs will be reviewed and could be included as an option for the Professional Learning program requirement for ACS.
- 3. Which teachers qualify for the ACS permission Code?**
All high school certified teachers can qualify for the ACS permission Code. The teacher would need to be scheduled to teach a minimum of one Computer Science course during the fall semester following the Professional Learning program during the summer.
- 4. What is the cost for the Professional Learning program?**
There are grant applications available to provide the cost of the yearlong training.
- 5. Will teachers receive a new teaching certificate?**
Once teachers have completed the yearlong Professional Learning Program requirement the ACS Code will be permanently added to the teacher's certification.
- 6. What if teachers fail to complete the full year of training?**
If the teacher does NOT complete the required training, EPSB will add a staff note on their certificate page, and the ACS certification will be allowed to expire as of June 30th of the expiration year.
- 7. How do teachers apply for the Professional Learning Program?**
Teachers currently register with Advance Kentucky to obtain a scholarship for the cost of the training. Teachers apply on the Advance Kentucky Website. Teachers/districts need to commit to providing Computer Science courses the following school year. The scholarship will be available only for those teachers scheduled to teach Computer Science courses.