



ARKANSAS COMPUTER SCIENCE

GOLD MEDAL SCHOOL



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PROGRAM

The Arkansas Department of Education Office of Computer Science is pleased to announce the Arkansas Computer Science Gold Medal School Program (ACSGM) to recognize Arkansas high schools for outstanding work in supporting and implementing the Arkansas Computer Science and Computing Initiative (ACSCI).



FAST FACTS

- Schools will be ranked yearly based on information submitted to and reviewed by the ADE Office of Computer Science.
- The criteria that forms the basis of the rubric will center on Governor Asa Hutchinson's five-year goals and the recommendations of the 2020 Arkansas Computer Science and Cybersecurity Task Force.
- The program is to begin during the 2020/2021 school year. Rankings for the 2021 (inaugural) Gold Medal Schools will be announced in the spring of 2021.

This program will help inform results-driven recommendations and goals for Arkansas schools to implement and grow local computer science and computing programs.

In addition, the new program will provide a clearly identified, criteria-based system to acknowledge schools that are faithfully implementing the ACSCI over multiple years.

PROGRAM RUBRIC

Visit <http://bit.ly/ACSGMRubric> to see the full rubric and details. The 2020/2021 rubric focuses on the following categories and measures:

ACADEMICS (30%)

- AP CSA Score Rate
- AP CSP Score Rate
- Completer Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Retention Rate
- Teacher Involvement and Licensure

ENROLLMENT (30%)

- AP/IB Enrollment Rate
- Concurrent Credit Enrollment Rate
- Gender Diversity of Enrollment
- Socioeconomic Diversity of Enrollment
- Locally Instructed Enrollment Percentage
- Racial Diversity of Enrollment

ACCESSIBILITY (25%)

- ADE CS Course Options
- AP/IB Course Options
- Concurrent Credit Course Options
- Graduation Requirement for Current Year Senior Class
- Internship Opportunities
- Program of Study Options

OUTREACH & PROMOTION (15%)

- Governor's High School Coding
- Competition Participation
- Community Coding Event
- Other Computer Science and Computing Competitions
- Communications and Promotion Plan

SUBMIT

Submit entries online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACSGM> starting December 1, 2020. Submission portal will close at 11:45 p.m. on January 31, 2021.