**News & Updates about Computer Science in Alaska’s K-12 Schools**

**Our Vision:** Sequential and Sustainable Computer Science (CS) Instruction in Alaska’s Pk-12 Public School System and Pathways to Technology Employment in Alaska’s Work Force

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**Alaska CS Policy Updates**

**CS’s Amazing Week in Alaska!** It was a big week for the advancement of computer science in Alaska’s schools.

- First, on Friday March 29th, the Alaska State Board of Education sent out for public comment proposed regulations that add computer science standards as a new content area in Alaska’s schools and draft computer science standards. ACSA/ASDN was onsite to provide public comment to the Board. You can read the full press release of the public comment [here](#). When public comment details are available, we will send them out.

- Second, on March 26th, DEED Commissioner released a memo to Alaskan Superintendents noting that current state regulations allow school districts to utilize computer science courses to meet high school graduation requirements and providing guidance on how to do so. Read the full text of the [memo here](#).

**K-12 Internet Bills in AK House and Senate** Equity and accessibility of computer science instruction around the state is directly tied to access to broadband. Here are the current bills addressing K-12 broadband funding:

- **HB 75 Internet For Schools**
- **SB 74 Internet services for school districts**

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**ASDN/Code.org Regional Partner Update**

Please Consider Applying for This No Cost Professional Development Opportunity

Scholarships for Summer Code.org Workshops

Applications open until **April 3rd, 2019** for the Alaska...
Designed to support middle and high school teachers before and during their first year teaching Computer Science Discoveries or Computer Science Principles, the Code.org Professional Learning Program begins with a five-day, in-person summer workshop, followed by four additional sessions throughout the year. No previous experience teaching computer science is needed.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR APPROVED APPLICANTS on a first come, first serve basis. Find out more information HERE.

CS DISCOVERIES WORKSHOPS
June 3-7, 2019 – Fairbanks (6th-10th grade level)
June 10-14, 2019 – Juneau (6th-10th grade level)

CS PRINCIPLES WORKSHOP
June 3-7, 2019 – Anchorage (9th-12th grade level)

News & Upcoming Events
- ASDN's Code.org work was 'name-dropped' in a recent article by the UTA STEM Center
- Article: Teaching Coding to Kids: What Programming Language Should We Use?
- Alaskan Educators are coming together to form a Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) chapter for Alaska. If you are interested in joining, contact CSforAK here

Teaching CS Resources - A growing resource doc for educators to learn about curriculum and instructional ideas for teaching CS in AK. http://bit.ly/2V6gDLC

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