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CONGRATULATIONS TO CODE.ORG, 2023 RECIPIENT OF THE ECS CORPORATE AWARD

Education Commission of the States is pleased to honor Code.org with the 2023 Corporate Award, in recognition of its multifaceted approach to expanding opportunities to computer science education for K-12 students across the country.



When Code.org was founded in 2013, less than 10% of U.S. high schools offered a computer science course. In the last decade, Code.org has become the leading provider of K-12 computer science curricula in the largest school districts in the United States. Over 80 million students and 2 million teachers currently use Code.org; and 45% of students are female or gender expansive, and 50% are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

Code.org's work goes beyond offering programs and curricula. The nonprofit is a member of the steering committee that helped establish the national K-12 Computer Science Framework, a guide for states, districts and organizations looking to develop curricula, train teachers and build pathways. Additionally, Code.org brings together a bipartisan group of over 100 corporations and nonprofits — including Amazon, Google, Microsoft, National Education Association, the National Math and Science Initiative and Teach for America — under an advocacy coalition, which pushes to expand and sustain access to K-12 computer science and to broaden participation and diversity in the field. The coalition also works toward state policy changes involving curriculum standards and graduation requirements.

Additionally, Code.org is a member of the steering committee of TeachAI alongside the Educational Testing Service, International Society for Technology in Education, Khan Academy and the World Economic Forum. TeachAI provides thought leadership to guide government and educational leaders in aligning education with the needs of an increasingly AI-driven world and connecting the discussion of teaching with AI to teaching about AI and computer science.

Education Commission of the States will present leaders from Code.org with the Corporate Award at the 2023 National Forum on Education Policy, taking place July 12-14 in Minneapolis, MN.



The Corporate Award is one of three awards that Education Commission of the States gives each year to celebrate outstanding commitment to public education. The others are the James Bryant Conant Award, which recognizes individual achievement, and the Frank Newman Award for State Innovation, which recognizes states or territories.

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