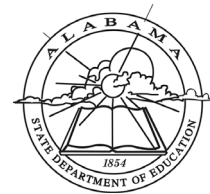




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

October 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2025-2026 Alabama Governor's App Challenge

The Alabama State Department of Education is pleased to support the Governor's App Challenge. This is a statewide computer programming competition for students in Grades K-12 with the goal of providing students the opportunity to gain recognition for their mastery and application of computer programming and design. The App Challenge is intended to highlight the value of computer science and STEM education.

The Governor's App Challenge accepts computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language and for any platform, including desktop, web, mobile, Raspberry Pi, and others. The App Challenge is designed to promote innovation and engagement in coding and computer science. The competition is open to all students, regardless of coding experience, who meet the eligibility requirements. Students are eligible to participate as individuals or in teams of up to three members. The deadline for students to register online is January 19, 2026.

In order for the App Challenge to be successful, the role of the LEA Technology Coordinators will be vital in supporting the app submission process and providing teachers with technical assistance as needed. The rules, scoring rubric, timeline of important dates, and additional resources to guide you through the progression of events can be located on the [App Challenge Website](#).

Important Details:

- Teachers must register students online by January 19, 2026.
- Participating schools will determine a winner by grade band and submit it to the LEA Technology Coordinator by January 30, 2026.
- For more information about the Governor's App Challenge, please visit [the official App Challenge website](#).

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring that the Governor's App Challenge is a great experience for all our students that desire to participate. If you have questions concerning the App Challenge, please email cs4alabama@alsde.edu or you may contact Mrs. Amanda Dykes by telephone at (334) 694-4761.

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