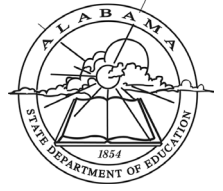




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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

July 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Guidance Regarding Implementation of Act #2026-507 Computer Science Provisions Affecting College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRI)

This memorandum provides guidance regarding implementation of the provisions of [Act #2026-507](#) impacting CCRI beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. While several components of Alabama's computer science legislation have previously been implemented, this specific college and career readiness (CCR) provision represents a new statutory requirement for local education agencies (LEAs).

The legislation provides:

"Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, completion of a computer science course shall not count as a college and career readiness indicator unless it satisfies the requirements of another college and career readiness indicator..."

LEAs should note that the legislation does not increase the total number of credits required for graduation. The Act becomes effective October 1, 2026.

Accordingly, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year:

- Completion of a computer science course, in and of itself, **may not** be used as a standalone CCRI.
- Computer science coursework may contribute toward a CCRI only when it also satisfies the requirements of another approved CCRI established by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE).

LEAs are encouraged to review local advising practices, graduation planning procedures, master scheduling considerations, and CCR accountability processes to ensure alignment with the statutory change prior to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Additionally, school counselors, administrators, and instructional personnel should communicate these changes to students and parents during course registration and academic planning activities.

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LEAs are further reminded that [Act #2026-507](#) also establishes a future graduation requirement beginning with the graduating class of 2032, requiring students to demonstrate digital literacy through completion of a department-approved computer science course or approved embedded computer science skills and experiences. Additional guidance regarding approved coursework, embedded standards, and implementation expectations will be provided by the ALSDE as further regulatory guidance is developed.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to expanding high-quality computer science opportunities for Alabama students. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Dawn Morrison, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, by email at dmorrison@alsde.edu or by telephone at (334) 694-4762.

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