



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

July 13, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

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

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2027 Application for Funds – Alabama Middle School Computer Programming Initiative Competitive Grant

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is pleased to announce the release of the Alabama Middle School Computer Programming Initiative Competitive Grant Application. Funds will be awarded to eligible local education agencies (LEAs) through a competitive grant application process for school systems seeking to fund computer programming to middle school students (Grades 6-8).

In order to be eligible, a school system must be an Alabama LEA submitting on behalf of a public middle school with Grades 6-8.

The application contains all regulatory requirements and a timeline of related expectations. The deadline to submit grant applications is Friday, September 11, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Follow the instructions on the [ALSDE Grant Portal](#) to apply. Virtual technical assistance will be available on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1 p.m. ([register here](#)) and Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10 a.m. ([register here](#)).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda C. Dykes, Education Specialist, by telephone at 334-694-4761 or by email at [amanda.dykes@alsde.edu](mailto:amanda.dykes@alsde.edu).

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