



# Bringing AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Principles to Your School

Whether for animation, engineering, music, app development, medicine, visual design, robotics, or political analysis, computer science has become an imperative for today's students and the workforce of tomorrow.

Launching in fall 2016, AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Principles (AP CSP) was designed to attract greater diversity to the field, focusing on creative problem solving and real-world applications to better prepare students for college and career.

To bring this dynamic new course to your school, follow these 6 steps:

## 1 Add the Course

Once you've decided to offer AP CSP and added it to your catalog, inform the AP Program to get updates and free resources: [collegeboard.org/CSPinterest](http://collegeboard.org/CSPinterest).

## 2 Identify/Recruit Teachers

If your school already offers foundational computing courses and/or AP Computer Science A, teachers of these courses would be a natural fit for AP CSP.

Due to the broad and multidisciplinary nature of the course, teachers in other disciplines may also be well suited to teach it. AP CSP teachers who participated in the pilot program span a range of disciplines including math, science, business, and economics.

Professional development opportunities will be available starting in summer 2016. Learn more at [collegeboard.org/CSPresources](http://collegeboard.org/CSPresources).

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Any student with the proficiency to take AP has the potential to succeed in this course.

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### 3 Check Your Resources

Ensure that your school meets the logistical and material recommendations to offer AP CSP:

- Each student has access to course materials
- Each student has individual access to a computer (i.e., one student per computer) for adequate time to complete course activities
- Each student has access to the Internet as well as to the tools and programming environments you'll use
- Ideally, students have access to support multimedia explorations such as 3-D graphics and sound

### 4 Choose Your Curriculum

As with all AP courses, AP CSP provides your school and teachers with the flexibility to develop a customized curriculum based on the AP CSP Curriculum Framework.

As an alternative, your school may be interested in curricula being developed through the National Science Foundation, Project Lead The Way, and Code.org. For more on these offerings, visit [collegeboard.org/CSPschool](http://collegeboard.org/CSPschool).

### 5 Submit Course Audit Form and Syllabus

The AP Course Audit provides clear guidelines on curricular and resource requirements that must be in place for AP courses. In March 2016, teachers can submit the course audit form and syllabus. Learn more at [collegeboard.com/apcourseaudit](http://collegeboard.com/apcourseaudit).

### 6 Recruit Students

This course is designed to engage all students, including those traditionally underrepresented in computer science, in the world of computing and technology.

For student recruitment strategies, including how to diversify the CSP classroom, visit [collegeboard.org/CSPschool](http://collegeboard.org/CSPschool).

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