

# CTE Weekly Bulletin



## TEACHER OF THE MONTH

**ATTN: CTE Administrators & CTE High School Principals**, please submit your April 2021 CTE Teacher of the Month entry to us close of business by April 16th, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to submit your **April 2021** nomination.

## CTE STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Please share with us CTE Student Highlights from the 2020-2021 school year that you would like for us to showcase at the beginning of next school year. Please submit 1-2 clear photos or a short video of students and provide a short summary, too. We want to share the great work of CTE students during this fall's Pre-Service Academic Days! Click [HERE](#). Submission due by **June 30, 2021**.

## VIRTUAL JOB SHADOW

Click [HERE](#) to discover the leading career exploration and career planning platform! Career Exploration for every stage of development.



Kudos to Dr. Hongyan Li and the amazing DeBakey HOSA students who made significant contributions to the Action in Africa community service project! They collected supplies and dropped them off at the campus to be sent to kids in Africa. We in CTE love seeing how students in our community come together to support those in need! Thank you, Dr. Li, and these students below for all you do!

### HOSA STUDENTS

*Stella Carleton  
Mary Huai  
Leopold Hoang  
Haylie Morales  
Marrthella Diaz  
Natalie Arredondo  
Emma Tang  
Stephanie Salgado  
Courtney Huynh  
Isabella Vasquez  
Noor Omosun*

# LOGO SUMMER INSTITUTE

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for a virtual immersion in creating computing for all educators, parents, and technology integrators. The summer event will be held starting July 26th, 2021 through August 6th, 2021

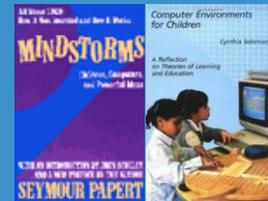
Click [HERE](#) for the new LOGO Foundation Workshop - Saturday, April 10th, 2021.



## LOGO RESOURCES

Over the past 35 years there have been many books written about Logo learning and programming. [Here](#) is a short list of some of the more notable titles.

Click [HERE](#) for LOGO Resources.



## 40th Annual Perkins Conference

The NACTE / Conference will be offered live on Monday, May 10th, 2021 and Tuesday, May 11th, 2021.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

## SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### ***ATTN: CTE Teachers!***

Are you interested or would like to lead a professional development session this summer?

If you want to take lead facilitating and help other CTE teachers either reflect on best practices, pedagogical approaches, work through instruction-related struggles, or simply foster CTE teacher-to-teacher professional learning, please let us know. At this time, all sessions must be held virtually.

[Click here to complete the Summer 2021 CTE Teacher-Led PD Request Form.](#)

If you are inquiring about any virtual professional development associated with costs, your request must be submitted for review and approval. Please submit requests ahead of time. You will then be notified by email, within 3 business days stating whether your summer professional development request has been approved or not. Please note that this is for virtual professional development requests only. **No request is 100% guaranteed.**

[Click here to complete 2021 Summer Professional Development Request Form - Virtual ONLY!](#)

Please email Stacey Whitmore at [SWHITMO1@HoustonISD.org](mailto:SWHITMO1@HoustonISD.org) for professional development questions.



#### SESSIONS BUILT FOR WHAT CTE EDUCATORS NEED MOST.

- ✓ CTE program and classroom management
- ✓ Curriculum resources
- ✓ College and Career guidance
- ✓ Business and industry partnerships

Registration Opening April 2021

Drop into this event to hear from engaging speakers who are ready to help you manage CTE programs and classrooms. Over three days, you'll be equipped with the solutions you need to keep your CTE program relevant.

#### *Leadership. Strategy. Results.*

CTAT Summer is the premier event for those in career and technical education. This event showcases best practices and strategies, comprehensive CTE program management, college and career guidance, classroom management, business/industry partnerships and more.

#### Who Attends:

- CTE Administrators
- CTE Teachers
- School Counselors
- ESC Personnel

Drop into this event to hear from engaging speakers who are ready to help you manage CTE programs and classrooms. Over three days, you'll be equipped with the solutions you need to keep your CTE program relevant. [CLICK HERE TO STAY UPDATED.](#)

[Registration Opening April 2021](#)

**ConnectED: The  
National Center for  
College and Career**

**AFTER THE PANDEMIC:  
BUILDING EQUITABLE  
COLLEGE AND CAREER  
PATHWAYS**

**A five-part webinar series to  
support school districts with the  
reopening of college and career  
pathways in a post-COVID world**

April 7, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PST

Session 1: Creating the School and District Systems to Support Pathways

April 21, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PST

Session 2: Integrating Graduate Profile Skills into Career & Technical Education

May 5, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PST

Session 3: Integrating Academic and Career & Technical Education to Increase Relevance and Engagement

May 19, 2021

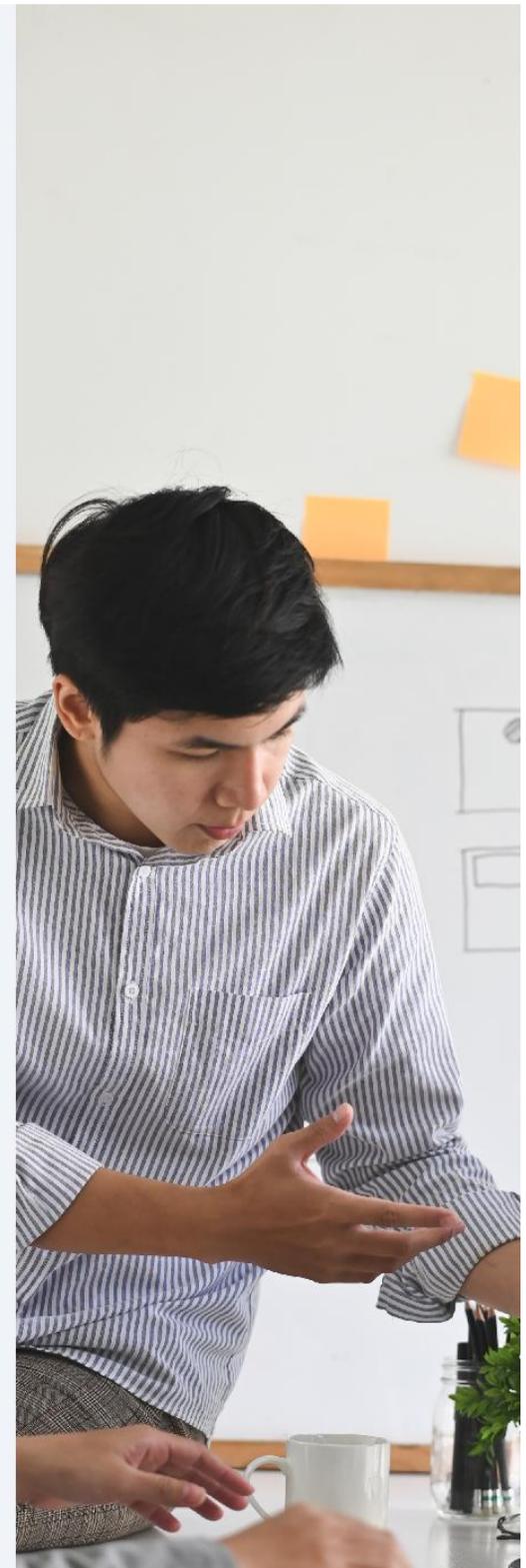
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PST

Session 4: Putting it All Together - Integrating Academic, Career & Technical Education and Work-based Learning into the Pathway Experience

June 2, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PST

Session 5: Assessing Student Learning within College and Career Pathways



**Register Here**

## High Schools with Automotive Programs for Juniors & Seniors Shift Your Career at HCC!



### ATTN: Auto Tech Instructors, CTE Administrators, Juniors & Seniors

Click [HERE](#) to schedule a one hour virtual Microsoft Teams presentation or in person presentation for your automotive students who are juniors and seniors. You can schedule more than one date by completing the form as many times needed. Don't miss out on these opportunities for your students!

### The following will be covered during the presentation:

- How to find our programs on the website
- How the classes run
- Certificate vs. Associate Degree
- Cost of Programs
- Manufacturing training and more at no addition cost
- Locations we offer programs
- Opportunities in the field
- Q&A

**Registration for the Summer 2021 semester is now open.**  
Help to apply, enroll, and cover costs is available [here](#).  
Register for New Student Virtual Open House [here](#).

We have virtual and in-person support services available for our HCC students.

- **Registration:** Enrollment | Advising | Counseling | Testing
- **Financial:** Financial Aid | Payment Plans
- **Academic:** Library | Tutoring
- **Technology:** Discount Computer, Wifi & Software



Accessing GMetrix Remote Learning Options

GMetrix remote learning [support article](#).

GMetrix remote learning [tutorial](#).

**GMetrix Technical Support:**

Email: [support@gmetrix.com](mailto:support@gmetrix.com)

Ph: 801-323-5800

For additional support or questions, please visit our Jasperactive Support Site: <https://support.jasperactive.com/support/home>, submit a [support ticket](#), email [help@jasperactive.com](mailto:help@jasperactive.com), or call our Technical Support team at 888-882-8635.

[Click here to book a client success call session with Keith German!](#)

[Click here](#) to find out more.

The next meeting with Keith German is **April 8th, 2021** from 3:00pm - 3:00pm.

[Click here to join the TEAMS meeting](#)

Computer Science Educators - ask about [Code Avengers](#) and request free trial access. Our continued growth is directly attributed to clients such as yourself, so we truly appreciate your business. For more information about our products and services, visit our website [here](#).

**Keith German, MCE, MIE**  
*Regional Actualization Manager*



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Website: [www.ccilearning.com](http://www.ccilearning.com)





**EXPLORE OPEN P-TECH:  
A DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM  
BY IBM FOR WORKPLACE LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS**

**AUDIENCE: ALL HIGH SCHOOL CTE TEACHERS**

**WHEN?**

June 22, 2021 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

June 29, 2021 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**HISD OneSource Course #1450034 - June 22, 2021**

**HISD OneSource Course #1450035 - June 29, 2021**

Get an overview and demo of Open P-TECH, a digital learning platform designed to expose high school students to emerging career fields and technologies, in addition to preparing them for the world of work through professional skills development. Teachers can utilize the platform to help students develop technical and professional skills required for the 21st century economy and earn industry recognized badges developed by IBM.

**PRESENTER**

Christa Camp

Business Development Manager | Open P-TECH



# HISD | College & Career Readiness

ASPIRE. PREPARE. SUCCEED.

CTE Instructors,

We have some great news for teachers who facilitate industry-based certification exams through Certiport! These exams include ACA, AutoDesk, MOS, ESB, and QuickBooks, among others.

To accommodate the large number of students who are learning remotely this year, **Certiport exams will now be proctored online**. The online test, referred to as Exams from Home (EFH) will be the method of exam delivery for ALL students taking Certiport tests – those students who are at home and those who are at school for in-person learning.



Click [HERE](#) for a list of exams offered from Certiport via Exams form Home.

Here is an excellent resource for teachers who are offering Certiport exams. The page provides an introduction and FAQ about Exams from Home. Click [HERE](#) to view this resource.

## Steps for administering an Exam from Home certification test:

- Log into Certiport by clicking [here](#) using the login credentials you were provided. If you need any help locating your credentials or to obtain a Certiport site license for your campus, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Maria Flores at [MFLORE48@HoustonISD.org](mailto:MFLORE48@HoustonISD.org).
- Once logged in, at the top of the screen, under the Welcome message, select *Proctor* as your role.



- From the Proctor role screen, select the *Schedule Exams* tab.



(see next page, pg. 10 for additional Certiport instructions)

# HISD | College & Career Readiness

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Scroll down to the bottom of this page to schedule your tests. You will be presented with several options for registering your students to take an exam. The blocks for scheduling are broken up by type of test: (Any test except AutoDesk or AutoDesk) and the number of test-taking students: (1-5 or 6-10). Exams with accommodations are limited to 1-2 students per test administration.

- Click *See Times* on the appropriate block.
- Select a date/time you want to proctor the exam.
- Enter your details on the next screen.
- Click *Book*.
- Expect to receive email approval with testing links to disseminate to your students within two business days.

We anticipate the testing date reservations to fill up; so, schedule your exams as soon as possible.

#### Additional important considerations:

- Exams from Home can be taken on a desktop, laptop, Mac, or Chromebook. (Student PowerUP devices qualify).
- This [document](#) contains important customer service information from Certiport.



For Certiport Competitions, click [HERE!](#)

What better way to motivate your students than with a little friendly competition?



# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood TEXAS Scholarships



## Virtual Open House!

**Are you interested in going back to school, but don't know where to start?**

TEACH Early Childhood provides scholarship opportunities for individuals to earn a CDA and in some cases an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. The scholarship opportunities are not yet available for individuals under 18 years of age. This is a good opportunity for paraprofessionals or students who recently graduated. Read below for more details.

**Come and Discover the  
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood TEXAS Scholarship Program**

**You are Cordially Invited to Join  
T.E.A.C.H. Staff for a one-hour Virtual Open House**

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**&**

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

We will talk through the program and answer any questions you have about the program.  
Register below for the time that works best for you.

## **Register for Zoom Info Sessions**

Select the session that works best for you! T.E.A.C.H. staff will be LIVE to answer your questions!

**[Register HERE for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM](#)**

**[Register HERE for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM](#)**

# AES Health Center 21 Digital Curriculum



June 22, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

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July 13, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

## ATTN: CTE Health Science Instructors

Come join again CTE and AES Representative, Heather Young as we explore all the valuable resources Health Center 21 have to offer. Heather will be delivering a thorough overview of the supplemental resources offered in their product, and all associated functionalities. Whether your need is one particular unit for which the product has strong content alignment, or whether you want to rely upon it more consistently, please consider it as a supplementary resource.

## OneSource Course #1450045 Credit Hour: 1

### Session Facilitator

Heather Young, Account Manager

HISD Contact Information  
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# AES Business & IT Center 21 Digital Curriculum



**June 23, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**&**

**July 14, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**ATTN: CTE Business Teachers & CTE Technology Teachers, CTE Administrators**

Come join again AES Representative, Heather Young as she goes in detail about a blended learning digital curriculum that is incredibly easy to learn and will save you an average of 5 hours per week. This training will teach you everything you need to get up to speed so you can immediately begin using it with your students. Join the 17 HISD business and computer technology teachers and students who already use it!

**OneSource Course #1450047**

**Credit Hour: 1**

**Session Facilitator**

Heather Young, Account Manager

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# Learning with Innovative Technology CONFERENCE

This free event has content for many types of educators, from elementary school, middle school, high school teachers to librarians and higher education faculty as well. Additionally, after attending the conference, you can receive a certificate that may be eligible for professional development licensing requirements (depending on your district).

## 6th Annual | July 23, 2021

SUNY Empire State College will host its 6th annual Learning with Innovative Technology (LIT) conference on **Friday, July 23, 2021**. This is a [FREE virtual conference](#) focused on using technologies in education.

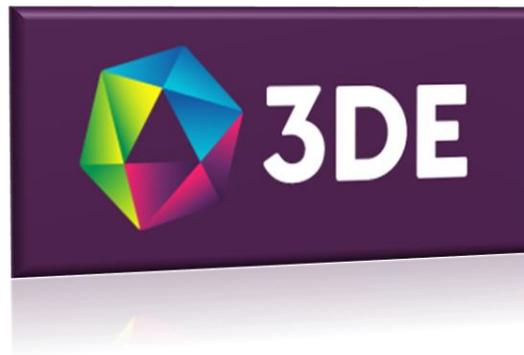


This conference is designed for educators of all types, including K-12 teachers, higher-education faculty and students, technologists, librarians, and anyone else interested in the use of technologies in education. The conference is packed with presentations from other educators, like you, who have something to share in the field. You'll walk away from this conference with new and fresh ideas to bring back to your school and classroom. Professional development certificates will be awarded to those interested.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE)

Participants can receive Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) hours for attending the whole day. Certificates are emailed after the conference to attendees who require them.



## EDUCATION FOR EVERY DIMENSION OF LIFE

JUNE 2, 2021 from 9am - 10am

Join CTE, Mr. Larry Montgomery, and other educators from Waltrip High School for an open 3DE Discussion!

[Click here to join the Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Participants will discuss 3DE *by* Junior Achievement Instructional Approach and Case Methodology for the 2021-2022 School Year. Let's have professional dialogue to discuss a 5-week case challenge activation for our students this upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Other 3DE discussion may include standards, teacher and student guide, case launch, project-based research, coaching, and Q&A.

**We hope to see you *via* TEAMS!**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
B.S. MARITIME TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT &  
SECURITY

## **LUNCH & LEARN SERIES**

Learn about the Maritime degree plan at TSU and  
scholarships of up to \$4K per year

Hear from Guest Speakers - industry professionals in  
Maritime, Logistics, and Security

Upcoming Speakers:

3/24- Brian Hill, U.S. Maritime Administration

3/31 - CDR Timothy Tilghman, U.S. Coast Guard

4/7 - Anitra Adams, Shell Oil

4/14 - John Hark, Chartering Director, Bertling Logistics

4/21 - Al Brooks, Retired Oil and Gas Executive

4/28 - Ximena Cavazos & Susan Lowery, Recruiting, U.S. Customs  
and Border Protection

**WEDNESDAYS MARCH 24 - APRIL 28, 2021**

**12 NOON - 1 PM CST**

**BLUEJEANS**

**[HTTPS://BLUEJEANS.COM/241515755](https://bluejeans.com/241515755)**

For information about the degree plan or  
scholarship application visit [transportation.tsu.edu](https://transportation.tsu.edu)

RSVP to Mrs. Williams - [williamsua@tsu.edu](mailto:williamsua@tsu.edu)

[Click here for more information about the degree plan or scholarship application.](#)

ART

POETRY

ESSAYS

FILM

PHOTOGRAPHY



## Sister Cities of Houston Presents: Youth Talent Showcase 2021

Friday, April 16, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Work must be submitted to Kham Vargus at [kvargus@sistercitieshouston.org](mailto:kvargus@sistercitieshouston.org) by 5:00 PM (CST) on April 16th.

See and click the flyer for more information about the national competition on the next page. (Pg. 17)



*Sister* Cities  
of HOUSTON  
YOUTH  
TALENT  
SHOWCASE  
2021

**ART • POETRY • ESSAYS • FILM • PHOTOGRAPHY**

## THEME: UNITED IN HOPE

You are invited to compete in Houston's Youth Talent Showcase for Artists. Sister Cities of Houston will submit the winning art piece to the national competition and pay the fees.

**Deadline: 5pm, Friday, April 16, 2021**

**Houston Grand Prize: \$300**

You are encouraged to compete in Sister Cities International Young Artists and Authors Showcase in competitions for poetry, prose, film and photography. The deadline is May 1, 2021.

Find more information about the national competition at [www.sistercitiesinternational.org](http://www.sistercitiesinternational.org).

For questions and submissions, contact Kham Vargas at [kvargas@sistercitieshouston.org](mailto:kvargas@sistercitieshouston.org) or call 832.818.3819.

- **Young Artists:** Requirements: 13–18 years old, 2-dimensional work (24" X 36" maximum), any medium except photography.
- **Young Authors:** Requirements: students 13–18 years old, Poems of no more than 200 words and essays of no more than 500 words.
- **Young Filmmakers:** Requirements: students 13–22 years old. Work can be documentary, drama, animation and no longer than 10 minutes.
- **Photography:** Requirements: students 13–22 years old. Work can be black and white or color.



## Instructor Craft Training for NCCER Curriculum

### 3-day initial training - Completers can provide CORE NCCER Certification

The NCCER ICTP 3- day training program provides CTE teachers with skills and credentials to turn the NCCER certification training around in their classroom to certify CTE students with nationally and internationally recognized industry ready portable credentials. Developed by industry experts and trainers, the units are competency based and contain certifications that complement the TEKS for several CTE courses in the Architecture, Construction and Manufacturing Career Clusters. NCCER develops standardized construction and maintenance curriculum with assessments that can be awarded to students with portable credentials. These credentials are tracked through NCCER's registry that allows business and industry organizations and companies to track the qualifications of their craft professionals and/or check the qualifications of potential new hires.

**Dates/times:** April 12-14, 2021  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Virtual:** Yes

**Registration Link:**  
<http://go.esc18.net/440955>

**Cost for K-12 District Personnel:**  
\$300

**(Register by April 1, materials need to be ordered and shipped prior to class)**

#### **ANNUAL COST for a TESTING/TRAINING CENTER:**

- Region 18 ESC Member LEAs \$50.00/year
- Non-Region 18 ESC Members \$200.00/year plus travel expenses to audit your facility (based on state mileage and if distance necessitates flights and/or an overnight stay)
- Non-Educational Entities contact for pricing



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**[Click here to register!](http://go.esc18.net/440955)**

# Campus Administrators, Central Office Administrators, Counselors & CTE Administrators



## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 15, 2021

### Embracing the Education Revolution

It's been an unprecedented year in education. CTE teachers have juggled various modes of teaching and learning. Students have struggled with learning CTE concepts remotely. In the meantime, we've had to revolutionize and modernize our practices on the fly. Looking back, we've learned, grown, and become more flexible. Looking forward, the goal of the 2021 Region 4 Career & Technical Education Symposium is to take all the good we've learned during this unconventional year to reach, teach, and prepare more students for post-high school success.

*Special opening address by Kirven Tillis, CTE Coordinator at Barbers Hill ISD!*

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### Jaime Casap

Jaime Casap served as the education evangelist at Google for more than 14 years and was the second member of Google for Education team. In that time, Casap launched Google's GSuite tools into higher education and K - 12. He also launched Chromebooks into education and was the creator of Google for Education Transformation Framework. Casap is now partnering with school systems around the world, helping them to build transformational practices in their classrooms.

#### ALSO FEATURING



### Dr. Scott Muri

Dr. Scott Muri, superintendent of Ector County School District and former superintendent of Spring Branch ISD, will share the insights he has gleaned about career and technical education during the time of pandemic, from an administrator's perspectives.



### Marty G. DeLeon

Marty G. DeLeon, attorney with the law firm of Escamilla & Poneck will speak about the changes in CTE from a legislative viewpoint.

Register Today!

**WHEN:** June 15, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Virtual via Zoom

**WHO:** Campus Administrators, Career and Technical, Central Office Administrators, Counselors K-12, CTE Administrators

**SESSION ID:** 1597877

**CREDIT:** 3 CPE

**FEE:** \$100

#R4CTE



# TexasHomeLearning

## Summer Learning Framework Webinar Series Launch

We want to let you know about the TEAs new summer learning support through [Texas Home Learning \(THL\)](#) - the [Summer Learning Framework \(SLF\)](#). The SLF helps districts with design, planning, and onboarding supports to implement a high-quality summer learning program through a webinar series, planning tools, and district examples.

Register below to join the statewide SLF webinar series and hear experts share about how to implement a high-quality summer learning program.

## Summer Learning Framework Statewide Webinar Series

The webinar series is accompanied by planning tools and district exemplars and covers design and implementation (D&I), academics and enrichment (A&E), and operations (Ops).

March 29, 2021 @ 11:00 AM CST | [Designing for High-Quality Summer Learning - D&I](#)

March 30, 2021 @ 11:00 AM CST | [Student Recruitment - D&I](#)

Mar 31, 2021 @ 11:00 AM CST | [Staffing and PD Models - D&I](#)

April 1, 2021 @ 11:00AM CST | [Climate and Culture - D&I](#)

April 6, 2021 @ 10:00 AM CST | [Budgeting for Summer - Ops](#)

April 7, 2021 @ 10:00 AM CST | [Master Scheduling - Ops](#)

April 7, 2021 @ 11:00 AM CST | [Enrichment for Summer - A&E](#)

April 8, 2021 @ 11:00 AM CST | [Summer Site Operations - Ops](#)

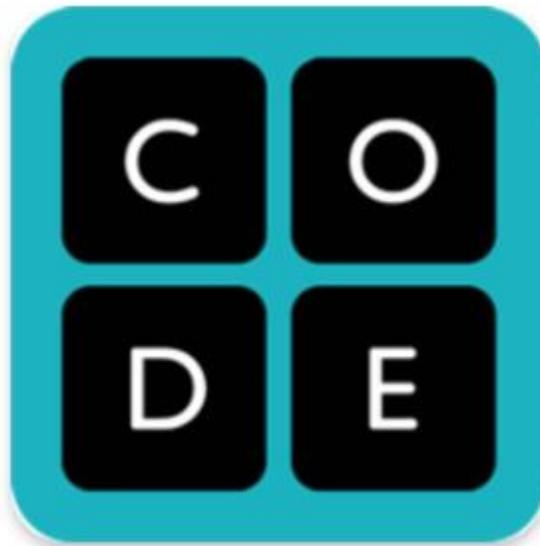
**Statewide Webinar Series:** Covering design, academics, and operations for summer learning planning led by TEA and national experts.

**Planning Resources:** Tools, templates, and examples for Texas districts to support districts with summer plans.

**THL - Summer Units:** An out-of-the-box HQIM solution, developed specifically for the needs of Summer 2021. Additional support, materials, and stipends are available for THL through CRIMSI.

For additional questions regarding SLF, please reach out to [texashomelearning@tea.texas.gov](mailto:texashomelearning@tea.texas.gov).

[See what other Texans are saying about Texas Home Learning!](#)



Code.org

Computer Science for Every Student - Discussion and Information Session  
Join us for a special event featuring Arne Duncan, former U.S. Secretary of Education

Thursday, April 15th, 2021  
10 am PST / 12:00 pm CST, Zoom Webinar



Hear from former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Code.org founder Hadi Partovi about why it's so important for students to learn computer science and learn how you can expand computer science in your school without a major hit to your budget. Session also features an overview of the Code.org Professional Learning Program.

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Teach a different grade level or have fewer hours available with your students?

[Find the right course for your classroom.](#)

# Professional Learning Programs Overview

## CS Principles and CS Discoveries



### The Code.org Professional Learning Program

Whether you are new to teaching computer science (CS) or have experience teaching other CS courses, the Code.org Professional Learning Program is designed to promote growth by providing space for you to become comfortable with curricular materials, CS content, and pedagogy. The program supports teachers with diverse teaching backgrounds as they prepare to teach either of the following courses:

- **Computer Science Discoveries** is an introductory computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. The curriculum is recommended for middle and high school students (grades 6-10), and can be taught either as a semester or full-year offering.
- **Computer Science Principles (can be taught as an AP<sup>®</sup> course)** is a higher level introductory course for 9th-12th grade students that introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science while challenging them to explore how computing and technology can impact the world. No computer science background is necessary for students or teachers.

Our curriculum supports teachers new to the discipline with a complete set of lesson plans that include inquiry-based activities, videos, assessment support, and educational tools.



### Professional Learning Program features:

- **One cohesive set of resources:** Our professional learning and curriculum flow seamlessly together, empowering teachers to deliver the course with confidence. In-person workshops combine with online tools to provide participants with a broad selection of resources to help them plan ahead for implementing the course in their classrooms, while also collaborating with other educators.
- **Teaching and learning in context:** Participants will engage with the curriculum both as instructors and as learners. By experiencing the course content as an active learner, participants will gain important, concrete insight into the perspective their students will have during the academic year. By interacting with curriculum content as instructors, participants will learn how to plan and deliver lessons.
- **A collaborative, participant-centric approach:** Teachers and facilitators will have the opportunity to share their expertise from the field and collaborate on strategies to bring to the CS Principles and CS Discoveries classrooms, giving participants a chance to learn from everyone in the room. Facilitators model pedagogical strategies and participants share their own approaches by planning and delivering lessons.

# Professional Learning Programs Overview

## CS Principles and CS Discoveries



### Program Commitments:

The Code.org Professional Learning Program has both in-person and online supports designed to prepare teachers before and during their first year teaching CS Principles or CS Discoveries.

#### Timeline:

Summer Workshop	Ongoing Support
Summer	School Year (September - June)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-day in-person session in your region (travel may be required)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 in-person sessions in your region (usually on Saturdays)</li> <li>Continued professional development and resources</li> </ul>

#### Summer Workshop:

The Professional Learning Program kicks off with a 5-day workshop hosted by Code.org Regional Partners. Participants explore the curriculum and learning tools, discuss classroom management and teaching strategies, and build a community with other CS educators. With a focus on a customized experience, participants will develop skills while working in small groups to deepen their understanding of the materials.

#### Ongoing Support:

Participants attend local, follow up workshops throughout the academic year. These meetings are hosted by Code.org Regional Partners and they focus on the essential elements of the course, such as teaching new content, keeping the classroom environment equitable and engaging, and continuing to build pedagogical strategies.

In addition, all teachers have access to the Code.org forum, an online professional learning community that offers continued support with tools and content, introduces new and helpful resources for teaching the course, and lets teachers continue to explore the curriculum.



**“I do not have a computer science background. I would change nothing about the training. It was an incredible experience, and I felt valued and respected.”**



**“They make it so that you can understand the material and they make it so you want to come back!”**

### For additional information, including course overviews, FAQs, and more, visit:

- **Professional Learning Program:** <https://code.org/professional-learning>
- **CS Discoveries:** <https://code.org/csd>
- **CS Principles:** <https://code.org/csp>



A collection of resources that can help you inform students (and their parents) about the many well-paid, rewarding careers that require less than a four-year college degree.

Success does not require a four-year degree, and college is not for everyone. There are many paths to good-paying careers that offer stability, opportunities for growth, and a great quality of life—careers with prominent Houston-area companies.

Throughout Houston, thousands of openings exist in seven industries experiencing steady expansion and widely considered drivers of the regional economy. Many of these employers offer work-based learning through apprenticeship programs. Others are looking for candidates with two-year technical degrees and often will pay for required courses. These careers are lucrative, in-demand, and provide a great quality of life, after only two years or less of education or training.

Helping your students make informed decisions about their post-secondary education or training can lead them to better career paths, higher wages, and greater personal and professional satisfaction.

As a partner with your school district, UpSkill Houston provides information about career readiness and careers that can help in your discussions with middle and high school students. We also offer a growing collection of insights and stories from young workers pursuing careers in these seven industries. In addition, UpSkill Houston's website links to industry and educational resources.

You can ensure your students are thinking broadly about their future and hitting key checkpoints throughout their school years. With the right skills and education, their opportunities are limitless.

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shorturl.at/sBP56'. At the bottom, it says 'TARGET GIVEAWAYS!!!'. To the right of the main graphic, there are seven circular headshots of Target employees, each with their name and title below. The employees are: GERIC BROWN (Executive Team Leader), INDAH FORTUNE (Executive Team Leader), EBONY MYERS (Executive Team Leader), CHRISTINA BADMUS (Store Director), SCOTT LEE (Executive Team Leader), GREG FASSITT (District Sr. Director), and JAUDE THOMAS (HR Business Partner). The Target logo is positioned at the bottom right of the employee list."/>

**Representation Matters!**  
**Target Career Panel**

**Thursday,  
April 1, 2021**

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

High school students will learn about career opportunities within the Target Corporation and have a chance to network with leadership professionals.

**LIVE Q & A**

MS TEAMS Live Event :  
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HR BUSINESS PARTNER

**TARGET**

HISD Community Partnerships and Target have joined forces to provide the first “Representation Matters” career panel. The virtual event is on this Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM via Microsoft Teams Live! Click this link to join [Microsoft Teams Live!](#)

The event is an opportunity for high school students to learn about careers in the retail industry and specifically how a career with the Target Corporation can help them to achieve financial goals, make a difference in their communities and plan their own professional journey.

During the virtual career panel, students will hear from Target team members who are sharing their intriguing, personal stories. Students will also learn first-hand about how these staff are running multi-million-dollar stores, serving hundreds of thousands of people, and managing thousands of team members every day.

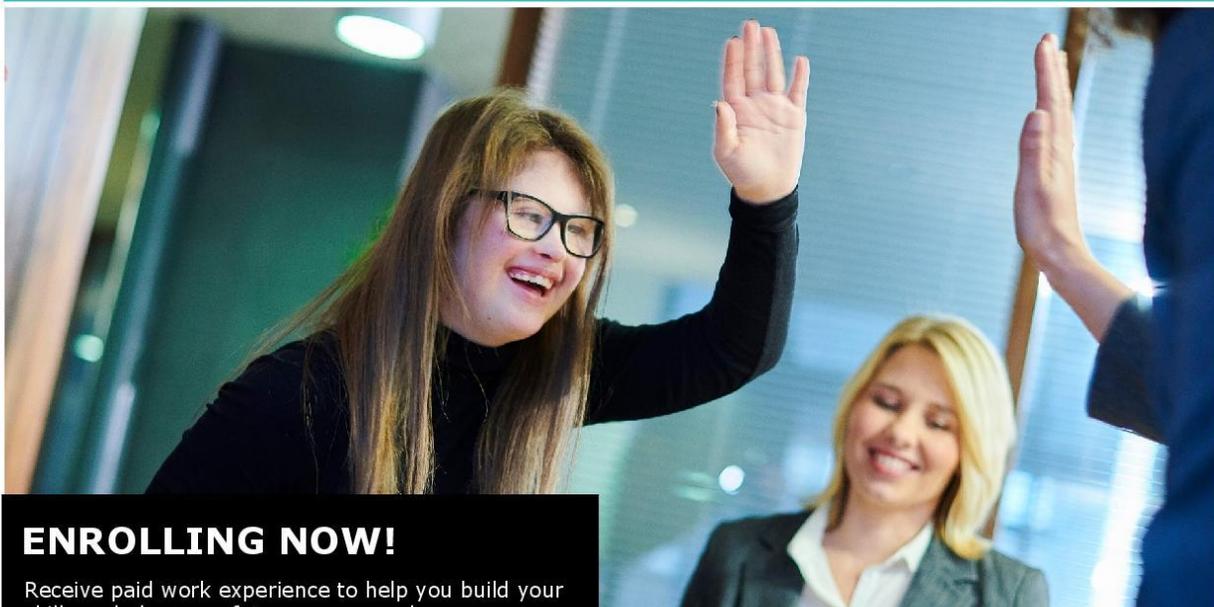
Teachers, please [RSVP](#) if you will be hosting a conversation during the virtual event. Students can win Prizes and Giveaways just for being logged on!

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