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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Funding Available for Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute in AP Computer Science A

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will offer an AP Summer Institute (APSI) in AP Computer Science A co-sponsored by the College Board. Divisions are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to have teachers participate in an APSI to provide them with an overview of the curriculum structure, teaching strategies, and the relationship of the AP Computer Science course to the AP Examination.

As announced in the February 6, 2015, [Superintendent's Memo #022-15](#), the Virginia Board of Education approved [Guidelines for the Use of Computer Science Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements](#).

The guidelines allow [Advanced Placement Computer Science A](#) to satisfy mathematics, laboratory science, or career and technical education graduation requirements as a standard credit under certain specified conditions and regardless of the diploma type. These guidelines are effective for the students entering ninth grade for the first time in 2015-2016 and beyond.

The VDOE/College Board will pay the full registration fee and travel expenses up to a combined total of \$1,000 to attend the AP Computer Science A APSI at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg or Woodson High School in Fairfax. The teacher or the division/school will be responsible for any travel, lodging, or other expenses beyond the amount provided.

Teachers who are currently teaching AP Computer Science A or will be teaching AP Computer Science A for the 2015-2016 school year are invited to apply. Since available funds are not sufficient to cover all AP teachers, funds will be distributed via an application process. [Applications](#) will be accepted from April 10, 2015 to April 30, 2015. Participants selected on the basis of expertise, experience, and balanced regional representation will be notified of their acceptance the week of May 11, 2015.

For questions about this program, please contact Janet Swandol, senior director, K-12 College Board, by e-mail at jfswandol@collegeboard.org; or Dr. Christine Harris, director, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Christine.Harris@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone by (804) 786-3925.

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