Computer Science Credential
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the requirements for teaching CS courses in Georgia?

   For most CS courses, a Computer Science Certification, a Computer Science Endorsement, or an Engineering Certification are required for a teacher to be considered "in-field" while teaching. To find out the specific requirements for your course, visit the Professional Standards Commission's CAP page (here).

2. What is the difference between CS certification and CS Endorsement?

   If you already have a teaching certification and have a background in computer science or have taught it for several years and feel your content knowledge is strong, then you may opt to simply take the Computer Science GACE, offered by the ETS/GACE (here). Upon passing this test, you are credentialled to be "in-field" while teaching most computer science courses.
   If you are a certified teacher and are transitioning from another field and need some training in content and pedagogy for teaching CS, you may opt to enroll in an endorsement program. These programs vary by provider but typically require 15 -20 credit hours of participation (1-3 semesters). Upon completing this program successfully, you are also credentialled to be "in-field" while teaching most computer science courses. There is also one pre-service program for prospective computer science teachers being offered at Columbus State University. This is for those seeking an undergraduate degree in teaching.

3. Where can I get a CS Endorsement?

   Existing CS Endorsement programs as of 6/10/20:
   Augusta University
   Columbus State University
   First District RESA
   Georgia State University
   Middle Georgia RESA
   Northeast Georgia RESA
   Northwest Georgia RESA
   Oconee RESA