



Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher Training Allocation and Guidance

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What is Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher Training?

The Ignite Project is a free 40-hour workshop focusing on fundamentals of computational thinking and computer science for Louisiana's K–5 teachers in public and public charter schools. The workshop emphasizes interactive, project-based learning, incorporating popular educational resources such as Code.org, Scratch, ScratchJr, Micro:bit, and robots.

What is the purpose of the Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher Training Allocation?

This allocation is to support the public school or public charter school system’s K-5 teachers as they attend the free Ignite Project.

What data is used to calculate the allocation?

The calculation is based on an award of \$500 per teacher at each school instructing students in grades K-5. Funds may cover a stipend for the teacher’s additional work time, travel cost, and/or substitute fees to aid in covering the teacher’s classes while attending training or completing training tasks.

How will the funds be allocated?

The LDOE will send funds directly to the recipient public charter or public school system as awarded by BESE at the December 2023 meeting. This will be a one-time direct payment to the system’s LaGOV vendor account.

Are these funds included in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula?

No, this funding is a separate appropriation in the Legislative budget. The Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher Training Allocation is not included in the MFP Formula for FY 2023-24.

How are these Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher funds to be used?

The allocation should be used for the following:

- A stipend for the teacher’s additional work time
- Travel reimbursement for on-site meetings
- Substitute fees to aid in covering the teacher’s classes while attending training or completing training tasks

How will these funds be distributed?

The allocation will be paid to eligible entities in a separate payment on March 1, 2024.

Is there a date by which these funds must be utilized?

These funds are intended to support teachers enrolled in the Ignite Project and should be utilized by May 30, 2024. Any unused funds should be retained by the school system to support the Ignite K-5 Computer Science Teacher Training.

Will recipients of this allocation be required to submit information regarding how the funds were used?

Yes, school systems that receive funds must complete the [Ignite Allocation Reporting Tracker form](#).



Energize: Praxis Computer Science 6-12 Training with SELU Allocation and Guidance

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What is Energize: Praxis Computer Science 6-12 Training with SELU?

The Energize Project offers a unique opportunity for up to 1,000 grades 6-12 public and public charter school teachers to receive 40 hours of comprehensive training in preparation for the Computer Science Praxis exam (5652). This exam may be used as a pathway to add on certification in Computer Science grades 6-12.

What is the purpose of the Registered Apprenticeship Allocation?

This allocation is to support the public school or public charter school system’s 6-12 teachers as they attend the free Energize Project.

What data is used to calculate the allocation?

The calculation is based on an award of \$630 per teacher at each school instructing students in grades 6-12. The intended use of the per teacher allocation is \$130 for one attempt at the Computer Science Praxis (5652) exam. \$500 may be used by the school system to cover a stipend for the teacher’s additional work time, travel cost should the teacher elect to attend the hybrid cohort June 3-6 at Southeastern University, and/or substitute fees to aid in covering the teacher’s classes while attending training or completing training tasks.

How will the funds be allocated?

The LDOE will send funds directly to the recipient public charter or public school system as awarded by BESE at the December 2023 meeting. This will be a one-time direct payment to the system’s LaGOV vendor account.

Are these funds included in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula?

No, this funding is a separate appropriation in the Legislative budget. The Energize: Praxis Computer Science 6-12 Training with SELU Allocation is not included in the MFP Formula for FY 2023-24.

How are these Registered Apprenticeship funds to be used?

The allocation should be used for the following:

- One attempt per eligible teacher to take the Computer Science Praxis (5652) Exam
- A stipend for the teacher’s additional work time

- Reimbursement to travel, should the teacher elect to attend the hybrid cohort June 3-6 at Southeastern University
- Substitute fees to aid in covering the teacher's classes while they attend training or complete training tasks.

How will these funds be distributed?

The allocation will be paid to eligible entities in a separate payment on March 1, 2024.

Is there a date by which these funds must be utilized?

These funds are intended to support teachers enrolled in the Energize Project and should be utilized by June 30, 2024. Any unused funds should be retained by the school system to support the Energize Praxis Computer Science 6-12 Training.

Will recipients of this allocation be required to submit information regarding how the funds were used?

Yes, school systems that receive funds must complete the [Energize Allocation Reporting Tracker form](#).