

## NEW COURSE APPROVAL FORM

Date: 31 Oct 2023

Department Chairperson/Building Coordinator: Erin Schroeder

Department: Mathematics Building: High School

Proposed Course Title: APCSP Cybersecurity Grade Level: 9-12

Course Length: 1 Semester Year Credits: 0.5

Requirement/Elective: Elective Meeting Frequency: block schedule

Anticipated Enrollment: ~40 (<24 per section) Prerequisites: Computational Thinking

Principal's Approval: 10/2/2025

Comments:

Review & Discuss Within the Building Between Departments –

Date: 10/2/2025

Comments:

Systemwide Curriculum Committee Review Date: 10/8/2025

Comments:

Director of Instruction/District Administrator's Approval: 10/22/2025

Board of Education Curriculum Sub-committee Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Education Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I. **COURSE INFORMATION**

A. Rationale for Course: *(Provide a brief description of student/school needs/purpose of course, benefits, and anticipated student outcomes.)*

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles: Cybersecurity would give students AP credit while increasing their awareness of online threats and how to combat them. It will make students safer online.

B. Course Description: *(Short descriptive paragraph highlighting the major focus of course. To be used for course offering catalog.)*

This course introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and challenges them to explore how computing and technology can impact the world. Students will explore all the AP CSP requirements with an emphasis on Cybersecurity applications in JavaScript.

C. Course Outline: *(Attach course outline which includes the major topics and concepts.)*

Attached.

D. Materials & Resources: *(Include text, computer/technology tools, and supplementary information.)*

Subscription to CodeHS APCSP Cybersecurity course.

E. Instructional Methods: *(Check applicable ones and explain wherever necessary.)*

Which of these are used: Check with "X"

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lectures                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Trips                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussions              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Term Papers    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Quizzes              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Reports          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extra Reading  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Study Contracts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laboratory<br>(Hands-On) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AV Materials   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online/Virtual Learning  |  |  |

F. Student Evaluation Procedures:

Students are evaluated through assignments, quizzes, papers, and exercises in a project-based learning environment.

G. Financial Impact: *(Provide an explanation of projected costs for personnel, materials, and equipment for subsequent years when the proposal is fully implemented.)*

This course would replace IT Essentials, so no new hire is needed. Curriculum access is the cost of our current subscription plus \$150 per student above 30 with CodeHS accounts.

H. Explain how this new course will correlate with Wisconsin State Academic Standards and/or district remediation plans.

This course aligns with all of the DPI's IT Literacy standards.

II. **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION**

A. This course will be: *(please check one)*  
an addition to the department's offering  
✓ a replacement for IT Essentials  
a pilot study

B. This course will require *(please check the appropriate spaces):*  
the adoption of a new textbook  
✓ the use of a text previously adopted and in use

C. This course will require *(please check appropriate spaces)*  
specialized organization of teacher time  
✓ specialized room arrangement or equipment *(explain below)*  
specialized student grouping or sectioning  
curriculum planning time  
specialized technology

D. To what extent will this curriculum change affect the number of teacher preparation each semester? *(Explain)*

As it replaces IT Essentials, no change is needed unless it becomes a popular course.

E. To what extent does this course conflict with the content and/or student availability of other courses in your department?

None.

F. To what extent does this course conflict with courses offered in other departments?

None.

G. What course(s) could be deleted if this curriculum change is adopted?

IT Essentials

H. This proposed course must be discussed with other members of your department prior to submitting this form. *(Describe briefly the outcome of these discussions.)*

Unanimous acclaim.

I. To what effect does this curriculum change affect the K-12 Skills Continuum?  
*(duplication, deletion, reinforcement, etc.)*

reinforcement

J. If approved, this course will begin: Fall 2024  
*(semester/year)*