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15 Schools and Districts Receive Computer Science Grants Totaling More than \$240,000

LITTLE ROCK — Several Arkansas public schools are having no problem keeping up with the ever-changing computer science field. As a result of their efforts to expand their computer science program or implement innovative best practices, 15 schools and districts received Computer Science Innovation Grants totaling \$241,798.43 from the Arkansas Department of Education.

The ADE Office of Computer Science announced the grant opportunity in September. To be eligible, schools were required to submit comprehensive proposals that would result in increased student participation in computer science courses, teacher capacity and understanding of computer science principles, and community understanding and local industry support of computer science programs.

“In addition to excellent educators, a computer science education program must have a strong infrastructure to be successful,” Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. “I am pleased that ADE is able to offer these grants to these schools. They are setting the bar high for computer science education not only here in Arkansas but across the country.”

The recipients listed below can use the funds to cover the expenses associated with purchasing curriculum, software licenses, and non-fundamental equipment, as well as provide professional development or student incentives.

- Fort Smith School District: \$24,800.00
- Genoa Central School District: \$19,943.00
- Greenland School District: \$24,949.65
- Harrisburg Elementary School (Harrisburg School District): \$19,871.40
- Jacksonville North Pulaski School District: \$6,845.50
- Kirby School District: \$5,605.17
- Lake Hamilton School District: \$23,368.25
- Lakeside School District (Hot Springs): \$7,137.92
- Little Rock School District: \$7,000.00
- Manila High School (Manila School District): \$12,139.52
- Monticello High School (Monticello School District): \$20,000.00
- Ouachita River School District: \$5,201.02
- Parkers Chapel School District: \$19,937.00
- Springdale School District: \$25,000.00
- Westside High School (Westside Consolidated School District): \$20,000.00

To learn more, visit <http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=3843>.

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December 3-9, 2018, is Computer Science Education Week. For a full listing of Arkansas announcements, please visit the newly-redesigned ADE Computer Science webpages at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/special-projects/arkansas-computer-science-initiative>.

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