CSTA-Oracle Academy 2014 U.S. High School CS Survey:  
The State of Computer Science in U.S. High Schools: an Administrator’s Perspective

Methodology:

The Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), in collaboration with Oracle Academy, administered an online survey to over 20,000 Public and Private 9–12 secondary school Principals and Vice Principals in the United States between May and September of 2014. The purpose of the survey was to identify computer science education opportunities that are being provided at the high school level, determine how broadly CS is being offered in the US, and determine the different ways CS was being defined in the schools. Surveys were also sent to administrators across the United States using contact information provided by a market data company. A total of 503 people responded to the survey. The results below represent the percentages and averages for those who answered each question.

Results:

1. School location information

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2. OPTIONAL QUESTION: Please only provide your contact information if you wish to be eligible for the raffle.

N/A

3. How many students attend your school?

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4. Which of the following best describes your school?

- Rural: 41.8%
- Suburban: 40.4%
- Urban: 17.8%

5. How would you describe your student population?

- Majority of the students do not qualify for free/reduced lunch: 44.1%
- Majority of the students qualify for free/reduced lunch: 26.9%
- About half of the students qualify for free/reduced lunch: 24.6%
- None of the students qualify for free/reduced lunch: 4.4%

6. Does your school offer computer science courses?

- Yes: 77.5%
- No: 22.5%

7. Does your school offer after school or extracurricular programs in computer science?

- No: 65.5%
- Yes: 34.5%

8. Which department(s) are responsible for the computer science courses?
(Check all that apply.)

- Career and Technology Education: 53.5%
- Business: 42.6%
- Math: 23.5%
- Computer Science: 18.8%
- Science: 9.7%
- Other*

9. How many students take a computer science class each year?

- 1-10: 13.6%
- 11-25: 13.2%
- 26-50: 21.3%
- 51-100: 19.9%
- 101-150: 9.6%
- 151-200: 10.5%
- >200: 12.0%
10. Can students count a computer science course towards a graduation credit?

Yes 92.0%
No 8.0%

11. If yes, what kind of graduation credit? (Check all that apply.)

Elective 72.5%
Technology 26.5%
Computer Science 20.5%
Math 12.8%
Other 7.2%
Science 5.5%

12. What is your preferred way to receive curriculum and other educational resources?

Download PPT or other files 69.2%
Hosted/In the Cloud 32.4%
Standards-compliant files that can be loaded into your school LMS 13.4%
Hosted Learning Management System (such as Blackboard) 11.3%
Other (please specify)

13. What percentage of computer science students pursues this following path after high school?

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14. What kinds of computer science and CTE courses do you offer (Check all that apply.)

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<td>Communications/media</td>
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Database development | 15 | 25 | 40 | 36
Game Development | 40 | 54 | 79 | 79
Networking | 18 | 28 | 52 | 49
Programming | 94 | 140 | 163 | 164
Robotics | 87 | 108 | 124 | 120
Web design and development | 123 | 198 | 239 | 233
Other | 51 | 53 | 58 | 59

15. Please list other computer science courses not included above.

3D animation
3D programming elective
A+ Certification
A+ Network
A+ Security
Adobe Photoshop
Advanced Computer Applications
Advanced Java concepts
Advanced Topics in Computer Science
All sophomores are required to take Intro to Computer Science. Art dept offers a computer graphics class. Business dept offers a web design class.
Android App development
Animation
Any grade can take it. Things checked are not separate courses but are covered in the classes we do offer.
App Development
App development and coding
Applied Technology (9th)
Archicad
Artificial Intelligence
Artificial Intelligence
AutoCadd
Basic computer science 7th and 8th grades
Business and Technology Foundations
Business Applications
Business Communications Info Systems Grades 9-12
Business Information Systems (BIM)
Business Management
CAD
Career Exploration
CISCO
Classes are offered with dual enrollment at the community college.
College computer class
COMPTIA
Computer Aided Drafting
Computer Applications
Computer Illustration/Animation
Computer Layout & Design
Computer Software Applications
Computer Technology
Computerized Accounting
Computers 1 and 2 at the Junior High level
Computing independent Study
Construction Technology
CS Principles
Customer Service
Cyber Forensics
Cybersecurity I & II
DA 106 college course
Design Processes 1 & 2
Designing Mobile Apps
Desktop Publishing
Digital Business Applications
Digital Citizenship
Digital Imaging
Digital Interactive Media
Digital photo and video
Digital Presentation
Document production such as Microsoft products (applications).
Drawing, Design, and Production (CAD)
Dual credit Information Technology
Engineering
Excel
Exploring Computer Science from Code.org
Fashion design
Freshman computers
General Technology class, included an intro to programming among other
technology related topics
Graphic Design
Have offered robotics and engineering club
I teach PLTW’s CSE with CS Principles pilot
IB SL/HL Computer Science
IBA
Image Editing
In the middle school we teach computers to 7th and 8th graders, introducing a
variety of applications. We also offer a Tech Assistant course at the HS where
students support staff in troubleshooting all kinds of hardware and networking
issues.
Independent Study
Information Technology
Informational Technology 1 and 2
Integrated Technology
Interior design
Intermediate Computer Science
Intro to Communication Technology
Intro to Computer Programming Using ALICE
Introduction to Computers
Introduction to Technology 7th and 8th grade
IT Essentials Engineering & Design
Keyboarding
Keyboarding Grades 9-12
Linux Clusters
Microsoft Office
Microsoft Power Point, Word, and Excel
Mobile App Development
Mobile App development
Mobile App Development
Mobile App Development for Android
Mobile Applications Design and Development
Multimedia
Network management skills
Newspaper
Parallel Programming
Parallel Programming
PC Support
Personal Finance
PLTW Computer Science
PowerPoint Design and Presentation Skills
Pre-AP
Printshop
Project Lead the Way - Engineering, Electronics
Project Lead the way, Auto cad
Radio 2
Radio/TV
Robotics
Robotics are done in an after-school club
Robotics is offered as Independent Study
Robotics is set to be added next year
Robotics is taught through a club, not a course.
Science Visualization I offer Game Developers and Robotics Clubs after school
St. Michael Academy is a blended environment, combining online and real-time courses, not computer science per se, but access/knowledge.
The computer science classes students take at our high school are through a virtual school (an outside provider)
Topics in Robotics
Topics in Software Engineering
Transportation Technology
TV 2
VHS Computer
Video game programming
Video production
We are just starting in 2014-15, so I am not totally sure.
We are looking to add AP Comp Sci in the next couple of years.
We offer Computer Applications I and II
We offer PLTW engineering courses
We use points and not grades and no courses are grade-level specific.
We will be adding Project Lead the Way in Fall of 2014
We will be offering an intro to computer programming class in fall 2014 for the first time.
Web Design
Webmastery
When we had the program, we offered one class. It was a computer programming class that was actually a dual credit which meant that we used the college textbook and syllabus. I has been 4 years since it has been offered so I do not remember the textbook that was used.
Yearbook

16. What content is covered in core academic computer science courses? (Check all that apply.)

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APPENDIX: Responses to “Other”

Question 16: What content is covered in core academic computer science courses? (Check all that apply.)

None
Office Programs
I don’t know
Computer Concepts and Software Applications
We co-op with SWOTC in Altus, OK for several of these
Basic computer program usage such as power points and other programs like this
Can’t remember what was covered
Computer application software
does not apply
N/A
Music Production
Not Sure
We have no Core academic computer science courses
we do not offer core academic CS courses

Question 17: What content is covered in CTE courses? (Check all that apply.)

none
I don’t know
AP Comp Sci Curriculum
3D printing
Computer Applications
We co-op with SWOTC in Altus, OK for several of these
Digital Interactive Multimedia
Microsoft Excel
these apply to our robotics club
N/A
Don’t teach CTE courses
A little bit of everything is included in the A+ Cert class
Program Applications
what is CTE?
All of our Computer Science courses are delivered through our CTE Department
CTE courses not offered here
We have no courses beyond the introductory course