# Code.org Professional Learning Program: FAQs

## What is Code.org's Professional Learning Program?

Code.org collaborates with Regional Partners across the country to support and expand computer science learning to all students in all schools. Together with your local Regional Partner, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to apply for a year-long professional development experience.

## What am I committing to by joining the Professional Learning Program?

While your Regional Partner has established a partnership with us, we also require that all participating teachers personally commit to the year-long Professional Learning Program, and that their participation is approved and supported by their school administration.

**Teacher commitments**
By completing this application, you are agreeing to participate in the following professional development experiences:
- One five-day summer workshop in 2018 (reasonable travel, lodging and meal expenses will be covered for participants). Dates and locations will be shared in the application.
- One-day local follow-up workshops during the 2018-19 school year (usually held on Saturdays). Meals and course materials will be provided. Dates and locations will be determined by your Regional Partner.

You are also agreeing to:
- Teach the course in a school served by one of Code.org's [Regional Partners](#).
- Work with your administration to ensure CS Principles is offered on your school's master schedule in 2018-19.
- Support the recruitment and enrollment of a diverse group of students in your CS Principles or CS Discoveries course, representative of the school's overall student population

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## What is my school administration committing to in this program?

By approving a teacher's application to join Code.org's Professional Learning Program, the administration is agreeing to:
- Include CS Principles or CS Discoveries on the school's 2018-19 master schedule.
- Support the recruitment and enrollment of a diverse group of students in the course, representative of the school's overall student population.
- Have the teacher who joins the Professional Learning Program teach CS Principles or CS Discoveries in 2018-19.

## When are the summer workshops? Can I choose which workshop I attend?

Summer workshop dates and locations are assigned based on the curriculum you teach and the region you teach in. Why? We believe it's important for you to join the cohort you'll be training with all year. Summer workshops offer you the opportunity to begin building a community of educators that will help support your development throughout the year.

[Please check out our Regional Partner map](#) to learn more about summer workshop dates and locations.

## What technology does my school need to teach this course?

The technical requirements to teach Code.org's courses are:
- Code.org website and emails are whitelisted (not blocked by a district's firewall).
- Computer lab with 1:1 computers set up so that group work is possible OR an additional non-computer classroom that the teacher can use for group work.
- For additional IT requirements, please see [https://code.org/educate/it](https://code.org/educate/it)

## What supplies will I need to purchase in order to teach this course?

For more information on the specific supplies required by curriculum, check out the following pages:
- [Required materials for CS Principles](#)
- [Required materials for CS Discoveries](#)

## What expenses are covered in the Professional Learning Program?

**Summer Conference Expenses**
If accepted to Code.org's Professional Learning Program, Code.org will pay for relevant travel, accommodation and meal expenses for your summer conference. **Upon acceptance to the program, additional information will be provided so that you can plan your travel.**

**Local Quarterly Workshop Expenses**
Meals and course materials will be provided to participants who attend the local quarterly workshops. Your Regional Partner will schedule and lead these workshops, and will provide more details.

## When are applications available?

Applications for the Professional Learning Program will be available online starting on January 16, 2018, and will be considered on a rolling basis.

The application period will close on March 30, 2018. Applications submitted after March 30 will only be reviewed at our Regional Partners' discretion.

## What are the application questions?

You can review the application questions in advance to make sure you have all of the information you need.

## How do I apply?

To apply, follow these steps:
1. Read the Professional Learning Program Overview.
2. Check out CS Discoveries or CS Principles course pages.
3. Set aside 15-20 minutes to complete the application.

In addition, we recommend that you make sure you're able to receive emails from teacher@code.org and hadi_partovi@code.org at the email address you will use for your application. If this address is blocked by your district's firewall, please contact the appropriate IT representative at your school or district to whitelist this address.

Remind your principal to look for the principal approval message in his or her email, and to complete the approval form as soon as possible. Your principal may also need to whitelist emails from teacher@code.org and hadi_partovi@code.org. Your application will not be considered complete until your principal submits the approval form.

## When will I find out if I'm accepted to the program?

You should expect to receive a status update from Code.org within three weeks of submitting your application. **Due to the volume of applications we will receive, we are not able to respond to individual requests for status updates.**

If you need to change or withdraw your application, or if you have additional questions, please contact [teacher@code.org](mailto:teacher@code.org). We look forward to reviewing your application!

## I still have questions! Who can I contact?

We're here to help! Please email [teacher@code.org](mailto:teacher@code.org).