There are many paths to becoming a programmer. Doing well in school is a great starting point. All subjects are important. Computer science requires reading & comprehension, creativity, mathematics & logic, and science. Coding also requires good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team. One of the best ways to get started and learn is with your friends, doing paired programming.

There are many great resources for learning to code for free. Some of my favorites are <http://www.w3schools.com/>, [www.codeschool.com](http://www.codeschool.com), <https://scratch.mit.edu/>, <https://code.org/learn>, and <https://www.madewithcode.com/> .

I also recommend books like *Coding Games in Scratch* and *Python for Kids: A Playful Introduction to Programming.*