

COMPUTER SCIENCE II: SPECIAL TOPICS

Computer Science II: Special Topics is an extended experience designed to address the advancement and specialization of computer science careers allowing schools to provide a specialized course for a specific computer science workforce need in the school's region. It prepares students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for working in the field of computer science. Course standards and curriculum must be tailored to the specific computer science specialization. This course must prepare students for advancement in this career field and should provide students with opportunities for certification or dual credit. The required prerequisite is Computer Science I.

- DOE Code: 5252
- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Required Prerequisite: Computer Science I
- Credits: 2 semester course, 2 semesters required, 1-3 credits per semester, 6 credits maximum
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas

Dual Credit

This course provides the opportunity for dual credit for students who meet postsecondary requirements for earning dual credit and successfully complete the dual credit requirements of this course.

Application of Content and Multiple Hour Offerings

Intensive laboratory applications are a component of this course and may be either school based or work based or a combination of the two. Work-based learning experiences should be in a closely related industry setting. Instructors shall have a standards-based training plan for students participating in work-based learning experiences. When a course is offered for multiple hours per semester, the amount of laboratory application or work-based learning needs to be increased proportionally.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

Career and Technical Student Organizations are considered a powerful instructional tool when integrated into Career and Technical Education programs. They enhance the knowledge and skills students learn in a course by allowing a student to participate in a unique program of career and leadership development. Students should be encouraged to participate in Business Professional of America, DECA, or Future Business Leaders of America, the CTSOs for this area.