The Arkansas School for Mathematics Sciences and the Arts, or ASMSA, has received a \$10-thousand dollar grant to help broaden interest in computer science classes to females. An Equity in Computer Science Summit will be hosted with funds from the Women's Foundation of Arkansas. The summit aims to provide female students with more opportunities to pursue computer science in high school. The program will also expose young women to robotics, engineering, security issues and game development. School Director Cory Alderdice says he wants students to learn more than just computer science.

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Alderdice says the summit will inform school administrators, counselors, and computer science teachers of new ways on how to increase engagement and enrollment in computer science courses. The program starts next year with 15 school districts across the state receiving training.