

Science Summit 1A & 1B

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A \$10-thousand dollar grant will support the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and Arts' computer science program. The Women's Foundation of Arkansas provided the grant to host an Equity in Computer Science Summit for school districts across the state to increase access for female students who want to pursue computer science in high school. Cory Alderdice, director of the school, says he hopes this summit will contribute to the state's lack of female representation in computer science.

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"...gap as well."

Alderdice says the training will not be for students. Instead, it will focus on providing educators with strategies on how to increase interest and enrollment in computer science courses.

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"...build on success."

According to enrollment data from the Arkansas Department of Education, only 30 percent of high school students who took computer science courses were female. The summit will take place next year.