

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions



I AM A TEACHER WITH LAUSD. CAN I DO CODE.ORG WITH THE USC VITERBI K-12 STEM CENTER?

LAUSD trains its own teachers in Code.org. If you are an LAUSD-affiliated teacher, please connect with your own <u>Code.org</u> administrator.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

The majority of teachers are eligible for a scholarship that covers the cost of their participation. Code.org considers you eligible for a scholarship if you teach at a school that serves a majority of students who receive free/reduced lunch and/or a majority who are underrepresented. Indicate your interest for a scholarship within the application itself. For those teachers whose schools do not qualify them for a scholarship, their school would pay \$1,500 to cover the cost of their participation in the full program (5-day Summer Immersion + all academic year support sessions).

HOW DO I EARN THE \$1,283 STIPEND FOR PARTICIPATING?

For the 2023-24 cycle, California teachers can earn up to \$1,283 for participating in 44 hours of training which includes completing the 5-day Summer Immersion and at least 7 of the 8 academic year support sessions, with payments made at the end of participation and verification of attendance.

CAN I EARN CEUS FOR PARTICIPATING?

Teachers can earn up to 5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for full participation, with verification of attendance hours at the culmination of the program. Participants are responsible for filing required paperwork provided to them, and paying the cost \$34/unit directly to the USC Rossier School of Education that issues the units.

DO I REALLY NEED MY ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL?

Yes. The school admin you designate on your application must complete their portion of the application and approve of your participation. The goal is implementation, so your admin confirms the fact that you will be teaching Code.org lessons during the upcoming academic year on the master schedule.

CAN I PARTICIPATE JUST FOR CURIOSITY OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

during the Summer Immersion.

Applicants need a school administrator to approve of their participation and to indicate that you will be teaching Code.org lessons at a school in the upcoming academic year. The academic year support sessions are designed to guide teachers as they are actually teaching the lessons they were trained in