

Computer Science in Algebra

Code Studio

Software and technology are everywhere - in our computers, in our pockets, in our cars, and used in banking, communications, entertainment, transportation, and science. But very few kids are learning how to actually create technology - games, apps and programs. Even fewer US schools teach computer science. Women are underrepresented in this field, and so are black and Hispanic Americans. Computer science is foundational for every student, whether they want to pursue a career in software, or to be a more well rounded citizen in the 21st century. That's why we're proud to introduce our classroom to the Computer Science in Algebra course, as part of Code Studio, an online learning platform by Code.org.

What is Code Studio?

Code Studio is a fun, creative platform for learning basic coding and computer science! Using a blended learning model, your children are learning with a mix of online activities (on the computer) and "unplugged" classroom activities that use no computer at all.

This format helps nurture creativity, problem solving, collaboration, and logic through interactive, self-paced tutorials, featuring short video lectures and game-like puzzles.

What is Computer Science in Algebra?

Code.org has partnered with Bootstrap to develop a curriculum which teaches algebraic and geometric concepts through computer programming. By shifting classwork from abstract pencil-and-paper problems to a series of relevant programming problems, Code.org CS in Algebra demonstrates how algebra applies in the real world, using an exciting, hands-on approach to create something cool.



Students will study topics such as:

- Order of operations
- Cartesian plane
- Function composition and definition
- Solving word problems

With an online course, students benefit from a truly modern educational experience. Code Studio is able to:

- Make tutorials smarter and more personalized
- Use data to identify where students get stumped and improve puzzles

• Use smart hints to guide students with custom answers to common mistakes

Student login - for access outside the classroom

Because this is an online course, students can log in from outside the classroom - from a computer or tablet at home, or in the library. For our classroom to participate in this course, we have created Code Studio accounts for each student.

PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY

Code.org assigns the utmost importance to student safety and security and has designed Code Studio to maximize student privacy. In particular, *participation in this course doesn't require sharing any private student information online*. The online course requests the student's display name, which can be represented as an alias (eg "John S" or "Cool coder").

The list below summarizes what student data is stored and protected by Code.org, and how it is used. You can find further details at <u>https://code.org/privacy</u>.

Data that Code.org collects from students participating in the course:

- Student display name (e.g. "John S" or "Cool coder")
- Age (to protect the privacy of the youngest learners)
- Login date/time and other technical information (for debugging purposes)
- Progress in the course, including code written to solve programming activities, and written responses to educational prompts (to display reports for students and teachers)

Optional data:

- Scrambled "hash" of email address. If a student creates an account directly (without a parent or teacher), they
 will login using their email address, but Code.org will never receive the actual email address, only a scrambled
 "hash" that can't be converted back to the original. Learn more at http://code.org/emailprivacy.
- Gender or race (to anonymously summarize aggregate participation in computer science, to track progress towards increasing diversity in the field)

For more information on Code.org and Code Studio, visit https://code.org.



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