



PROJECT

- Arkansas Public School Resource Center received a grant from the ADE to offer Learning Blade to schools in Arkansas.
- Learning Blade is a validated online STEM Career Awareness Resource.
- Learning Blade fits in with the Governor's Computer Science for ALL effort.
- Governor Hutchinson announced the statewide effort on June 8, 2016.

COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR ALL

- Learning Blade is launching, "Hack Attack," the newest "Mission" to focus on Computer Science careers.
- The White House included the Arkansas project as part of the CS For ALL Summit commitments.

RESULTS

- 415 Arkansas schools registered for a Learning Blade account.
- Arkansas students have completed 31,342 STEM lessons in Learning Blade.
- 19,741 STEM lessons completed in the month of September!
- Arkansas students have spent 6,257 hours learning about STEM careers and technologies.
- 11,340 students are registered users of Learning Blade - an increase of more than 6,200 registered students over the pilot year.

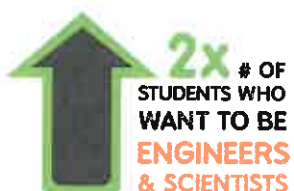
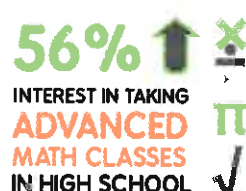
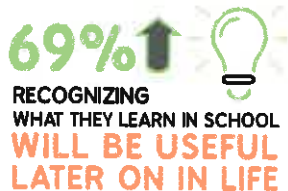


TRAINING & CONFERENCES

- Since the Governor's announcement, 27 in-person training events have been held in conjunction with the Education Service COOPs throughout Arkansas, training 325 teachers.
- Additionally, 15 online training events reaching 50 additional educators have been held.
- Between August and October, presented at four educational conferences in Arkansas.



NATIONAL RESULTS



"The Learning Blade's focus on STEM education will offer Arkansas's students new and exciting opportunities to learn real-world computer science concepts. This program will help our young learners master the fundamentals required for an array of specialized and highly-competitive STEM careers.

"This effort, along with my computer science initiative, is putting Arkansas's students in an even better position to land tech-driven jobs. As the computer coding movement in Arkansas continues to gain momentum, I look forward to even greater numbers of students taking on the skills needed for these challenging and rewarding fields."

- Governor Asa Hutchinson