

Scheduling Strategies for Kira's Middle School CS Class

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Welcome!

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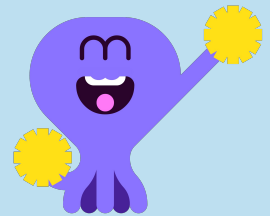
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◀ Agenda ▶

1. TN CS requirement for MS and proposed amendment
2. In what grade level(s) should we teach the CS course?
3. Overview of key scheduling models
4. Breakout sessions for deeper dive into each model
5. Next steps - Staying in touch with this community



TN CS Legislation and Proposed Amendment - Becky Ashe

In what grade level(s) should the course be taught in our school?

Course Code: G25X40

Who is eligible to teach the Middle School course?

- [Middle School Computer Science](#)

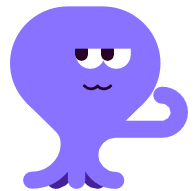
Overview of Key Scheduling Models

A - Class duration is 6 - 9 weeks - Heather

B - Class duration is 4.5 - 6 weeks - Rick, Shelby

C - Class duration is semester or a year (A/B model) - Andy

D - Other models - Becky



6 Week Course Pacing

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Unit 1		Unit 2
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Unit 2	Unit 3	

9 Week Course Pacing

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Unit 1			Project	Unit 2
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	
Unit 2	Project	Unit 3		Review

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Deeper Dive into Each Model

Breakout Rooms

- Choose any breakout room you want to go to
- You may leave a breakout room and join a different one at any time

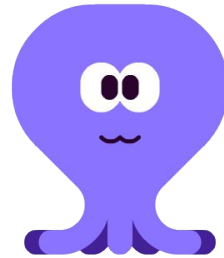
Discuss:

- Pros and cons and questions about model
- What is best for student learning of the computer science content?
- Pedagogical considerations
- Fit with other pieces / courses in master schedule

Next Steps

Let's stay connected to continue sharing ideas!

NEW - Kira Teachers Facebook Group - Look for your invitation soon!



Thank you for your participation!

Further questions? Email us support@kira-learning.com

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