

Greetings AUSD!

The **Hour of Code** is coming! Computer Science Education Week is December 3-9, 2018 and the **Hour of Code** activity is a big part of this week.

The **Hour of Code** is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students. Schools in 180+ countries are promoting Computer Science by introducing students to various aspects of coding and other concepts. We want all of our AUSD students to develop the skills needed to succeed in an extremely competitive global market.



I am asking all teachers, administrators and families to participate. No experience or setup is necessary. Just go to the website ([code.org](http://code.org)).

Everything is online and ready for students to use immediately. The online activities take less than one class period. You can participate at any time during Computer Science Education Week. There are many extremely fun and engaging computer science games (for all levels) with themes including Star Wars, Wonder Woman, Minecraft and Angry Birds.

Here are a few more facts about computer science from [code.org](http://code.org):

- In many countries (including China, the U.K. and Australia), computer science is – or soon will be – required.
- Computer science drives innovation throughout the US economy.
- Computer Science Week honors the birthday of computing pioneer [Admiral Grace Murray Hopper](#) (December 9, 1906).

Happy Coding!  
Cheers,  
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