MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–078

TO: School District Superintendents
   Curriculum Directors
   Personnel Directors
   Principals

FROM: Wanda Malony, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: June 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Computer Science Micro-credential Endorsement Pathway

NEW PATHWAY TO COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT THROUGH MICRO-CREDENTIALS

The 2022–23 school year is when educators teaching Computer Science (CS) courses need to hold a CS endorsement. At its June 7 meeting, the Professional Teaching Standards Board directed staff to draft rules allowing for PTSB-approved micro-credentials as a means of adding endorsements in content areas. The PTSB partnered with Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) on the development and piloting of CS micro-credentials.

Secondary educators in WDE’s CS micro-credential pilot who complete the entire set of 17 CS micro-credentials and pass the CS Praxis test will be eligible to add the CS endorsement once the rules go through the promulgation process and are approved.

Elementary educators in WDE’s CS micro-credential pilot who complete the entire set of 17 elementary level CS micro-credentials will be eligible to add the CS endorsement once the rules go through the promulgation process and are approved. Taking the CS Praxis test is not required.

Both the elementary and secondary educators can be placed on Exception Authorization Option #2 to allow them time to complete the series of micro-credentials. Find additional CS endorsement pathways here.
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