

Dear GVHS Students and Parents,

We are excited to offer the opportunity for Garnet Valley High School students to enroll in an asynchronous AP Computer Science Principles course beginning this June and continuing throughout the 2025-2026 school year. The course is open to all currently enrolled and incoming High School students. AP Computer Science Principles is also offered face to face in the 2025-2026 school year.

This course is a great opportunity for students to explore computer science while earning college level credit. In addition, AP Computer Science Principles serves as preparation for AP Computer Science A, a course we offer in our face to face High School. Students will work through the course material, create a project that is submitted to the College Board, and take the AP exam in May.

AP computer science principles has a weighted GPA and will go on the student's GVHS transcript. The majority of the work will be asynchronous, but there are course required check-ins and face to face meetings several times throughout the year. Our tentatively scheduled meeting dates are listed below. The course requires students to complete 9 hours of face to face time to help prepare them for the required AP "Create" project and the AP exam. These meetings will be offered in person at Garnet Valley Middle School.

Instructors will offer office hours and support each student as they progress through the curriculum.

The course is run through Schoology and Code.org, with additional materials from the College Board. Garnet Valley's grading expectations for students may be higher than the College Board expectations. For example, it is possible to score a 5 on the exam and project and still not have completed all the requirements for an A from Garnet Valley. If you would like to learn more about the specifics of AP Computer Science Principles, please Click [HERE](#) and/or [HERE](#) for two videos about the course.

If you are interested in registering for AP Computer Science Principles, complete the registration information on the website and pay the \$400 course registration fee.

Students who choose to withdraw from the course by June 23, 2025 will receive a refund. If a student chooses to withdraw from the course after the 10th school day of the 25-26 school year, the transcript will reflect the withdraw, with a WP (Withdraw Pass) or a WF (Withdraw Fail), in congruence with the student's overall grade at the time the student is withdrawn from the course.

If you have any questions regarding the course please contact Mrs. Jasper jaspersn@garnetvalley.org or Ms. Kunze kunzec@garnetvalley.org.

Relevant Dates (subject to change):

- June 2- Zoom kickoff meeting 5-5:30
- June 6- Complete Start Here folder items
- Tuesday, June 17- in person meeting from 10:30am-12:30pm at GVMS library
- June 23- Unit 1 due (3 weeks)
- July 7-Unit 2 due (2 weeks)
- July 28- Unit 3 due (3 weeks)
- August 18- Unit 4 due (3 weeks)
- Saturday, Sept. 20- 3 hour meeting in person (10am-1pm) at GVMS library for Create project
- September 15- Unit 5 due (4 weeks)

- October 13- Unit 6 due (4 weeks)
- November 10- Unit 7 due (4 weeks)
- Saturday, Dec. 6- 3 hour meeting in person (10am-1pm) at GVMS library for Create project.
- December 8- Unit 8 due (4 weeks)
- January 12- Unit 10 due (5 weeks)
- Saturday, February 21- 3 hour meeting in person (10am-1pm) at GVMS library for Create project.
- Saturday, April 11 - 2 hour practice test scheduled (10am-12pm) at GVMS library
- Late April (date TBD)-submit Create PT to College Board
- May, Day TBD- AP exam at GVHS
- May, Day TBD (1 day after AP exam)- Submit Create PT in Schoology