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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

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SUBJECT: **Computer Science Course Substitutions for Mathematics and Science Course High School Credit**

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The 2019 Florida Legislature passed [House Bill \(HB\) 7071](#), and Governor Ron DeSantis signed the bill into law on June 24, 2019.

Effective July 1, 2019, HB 7071 amends [section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#), such that, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a student who earns a computer science credit may substitute the credit for up to one credit of the mathematics requirement (with the exception of Algebra I and Geometry) or up to one credit of the science requirement (except for Biology I). The commissioner is required to identify computer science credits that are equivalent in rigor to the mathematics and science credits and may therefore be used for substitution. An identified computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and a science credit.

In accordance with [s. 1007.2616, F.S.](#), computer science courses are identified in the Course Code Directory. The list of computer science courses for 2019-20 may be accessed here: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7746/urlt/1920CompSci.pdf>.

The following courses have currently been identified as fulfilling the criteria for mathematics substitution:

- 0200305 Computer Science Discoveries
- 0200315 Computer Science Principles
- 0200320 AP Computer Science A
- 0200325 AP Computer Science A Innovations
- 0200335 AP Computer Science Principles

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The following courses have currently been identified as fulfilling the criteria for science substitution:

- 0200800 IB Computer Science 1
- 0200810 IB Computer Science 2
- 0200820 IB Computer Science 3

Questions related to computer science and substitution criteria may be directed to Justin Feller, Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, at Justin.Feller@fldoe.org or 850-245-9323. Questions regarding high school graduation requirements may be directed to Andrew Weatherill, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, at Andrew.Weatherill@fldoe.org or 850-245-7840.

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