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TechNet Announces 'Groundbreaking' Partnership with Harvard University to Identify Comprehensive Policies for Boosting Computer Science Across the Country as part of White House Science Fair

Washington—TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today announced a new partnership with the Technology and Innovation Policy Group at Harvard's Institute of Politics to identify comprehensive policies for encouraging computer science education across the country.

This partnership was announced in conjunction with the White House Science Fair and is part of White House efforts to expand STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – education in our nation.

“Computer science is fundamental in the modern, global economy and should be taught in every school in America,” said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“But this won't happen overnight. It's a generational challenge that requires action on the federal, state, and local levels. We need to build on efforts to expand the pool of students trained in computer science and other STEM disciplines.”**

“TechNet has been working in numerous states to advance legislation that expands access to computer science education and ensures that those classes count toward core science or math high school graduation requirements. But today, it's just a patchwork. That's why we've launched this groundbreaking partnership with Harvard to identify the core policy changes we need to make as a nation to ensure that computer science is taught from coast to coast.”

A New Collaboration

As detailed in a [White House fact sheet](#) released today, TechNet will partner over the next year with Technology and Innovation Policy Group at Harvard's Institute of Politics. The collaboration will seek to define key policy elements of a comprehensive computer science program at the state level and review the progress of targeted states in implementing such programs.

TechNet and Computer Science

TechNet has been working in California, Texas, Florida, and other states to expand access to computer science education and ensure that high school computer science classes count toward core science or math graduation requirements. TechNet is also developing model legislation that can be adopted by states across the country.

Recently, TechNet laid out a comprehensive [computer science agenda](#) that includes the following goals:

- Every secondary school in America should be required to offer computer science, and those classes should count toward core science or math high school graduation requirements.
- There should be robust programs to train and recruit high quality computer science teachers across the country.
- Computer science programs should be available to students of all backgrounds, particularly to young women and students from underserved communities.
- Digital content and tools should be integrated into classrooms to provide individualized, data-based learning and improve educational outcomes.
- Within five years, high-speed wireless broadband should be made available in every U.S. classroom to ensure that students can connect to the Internet quickly, easily, and reliably.

About TechNet

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than 2.5 million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, advanced energy, biotechnology, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, Austin, Boston, Seattle, Albany, and Tallahassee.

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