"If someone had told me that software is really about humanity, that it's really about helping people by using computer technology, it would have changed my outlook earlier."

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Mission Statement

We commit to inspiring and empowering all students in Randolph schools to reach their full potential as unique, responsible and educated members of a global society.

Affirmative Action Statement Equality and Equity in Curriculum

The Randolph Township School district ensures that the district's curriculum and instruction are aligned to the state's standards. The curriculum provides equity in instruction, educational programs and provides all students the opportunity to interact positively with others regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(b): Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; N.J.S.A. 10:5; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

EDUCATIONAL GOALS VALUES IN EDUCATION

The statements represent the beliefs and values regarding our educational system. Education is the key to self-actualization, which is realized through achievement and self-respect. We believe our entire system must not only represent these values, but also demonstrate them in all that we do as a school system.

We believe:

- The needs of the child come first
- Mutual respect and trust are the cornerstones of a learning community
- The learning community consists of students, educators, parents, administrators, educational support personnel, the community and Board of Education members
- A successful learning community communicates honestly and openly in a non-threatening environment
- Members of our learning community have different needs at different times. There is openness to the challenge of meeting those needs in professional and supportive ways
- Assessment of professionals (i.e., educators, administrators and educational support personnel) is a dynamic process that requires review and revision based on evolving research, practices and experiences
- Development of desired capabilities comes in stages and is achieved through hard work, reflection and ongoing growth

Introduction

Introduction to Programming is a marking period course that fulfills New Jersey requirements for computer science and design thinking. The study of these disciplines focuses on a deep understanding of concepts that enable students to think critically and systematically about leveraging technology to solve local and global issues. In this course, students will be introduced to computer science principles such as bits and networks while considering the relationship of technology and society. Students will then use programming constructs in Scratch to creatively solve complex problems through the framework of computational thinking by decomposing problems and developing algorithms for solutions. The final unit of this course will integrate computational thinking and design thinking through an authentic learning experience by constructing a proposal and model for a sustainable technology. By the end of this cycle class, students will have gained important computer science and design thinking skills relevant to their current and future endeavors in academics, computing, and society. This course will be guided by the current New Jersey Learning Standards in Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science, Mathematics, and English.

Curriculum Pacing Chart

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	UNIT NUMBER	CONTENT - UNIT OF STUDY
2 weeks	I	Computer Science Principles
3 weeks	II	Designing with Programming Constructs
4 weeks	III	Coding for Change

Unit I: Computer Science Principles

TRANSFER: Students will be able to mobilize the engineering design process and domain knowledge to create an original model given limitations and constraints.

STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
NJ 2020 SLS: Computer Science and Design Thinking 8.1.8.CS.1: Recommend improvements to computing devices in order to improve the ways users interact with the devices.	People interact with a wide variety of computing devices that collect, store, analyze, and act upon information in ways that can affect human capabilities both positively and negatively.	How can computational thinking change the way we solve problems?
8.1.8.DA.2: Explain the difference between how the computer stores data as bits and how the data is displayed.	Data is collected and stored so that it can be analyzed to better understand the world and make more accurate predictions.	How does the way we use and organize data change as technology and society advance?
8.1.8.DA.3: Identify the appropriate tool to access data based on its file format.8.1.8.IC.1: Compare the trade-offs associated with computing technologies that affect	Networks connect computing devices to share information and resources and are an increasingly integral part of computing.	How does sharing information change the way we interact?
individual's everyday activities and career options.	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
8.1.8.IC.2: Describe issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies.	Computers require a system for storing information that is reliable and fast.	Describe how a binary system represents information using just two possible states.

8.1.8.NI.1: Model how information is broken		Model how binary is used in computing
down into smaller pieces, transmitted as		with a physical object that has two
addressed packets through multiple devices		states, such as a light.
over networks and the Internet, and		
reassembled at the destination.	Software tools translate the low-level representation of bits into a form understandable by individuals.	Identify the appropriate tool to access data based on its file format.
8.1.8.NI.2: Model the role of protocols in	,	
transmitting data across networks and the		Describe the difference between how
Internet and how they enable secure and		the computer stores data as bits and
errorless communication.		how the data is displayed.
8.1.8.NI.3: Explain how network security		Create a binary code sequence to
depends on a combination of hardware,		represent black and white images and
software, and practices that control access to		ASCII characters.
data and systems.		
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8.1.8.NI.4: Explain how new security measures	The study of human–computer interaction can	List computer interactions that improve
have been created in response to key	improve the design of devices and extend the	everyday life.
malware events.	abilities of humans.	
		Recommend improvements to
8.2.8.ITH.1: Explain how the development and		computing devices, apps, software, or
use of technology influences economic,		code, in order to improve the ways
political, social, and cultural issues.		users interact with it.
Position, social, and cultural issues.		
8.2.8.ITH.2: Compare how technologies have	Society is faced with trade-offs due to the increasing	Describe issues of bias and accessibility
influenced society over time.	globalization and automation that computing brings.	in the design of existing technologies.
influenced society over time.		
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NJ 2016 SLS: Literacy in History, Social		Analyze the trade-offs associated with
Studies, & Technical Subjects		computing technologies that affect
RST.6-8.4: Determine the meaning of symbols,		individual's everyday activities and
key terms, and other domain-specific words		career options.
and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to		
grades 6-8 texts and topics.	Technology and society interact with and affect each	Identify the origin and purpose of a
grades 0-8 texts and topics.	other as societal needs drive development of new	technology, such as the Internet, and
NJ 2016 SLS: Mathematical Practices	technological products, and new technology	how its technical structure and design
	influences human social behavior.	contributes to a social dilemma.
MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.		
MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.		Analyze how the development and use
MP4: Model with mathematics.		of technology influences economic,
MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.		political, social, and cultural issues.
3. Osc appropriate tools strategically.		
	Protocols, packets, and addressing are the key	Define the role of addressing, protocols,
	components for reliable delivery of information	and packets in computer networking.
	across networks.	
		Illustrate how computing devices can be
		connected to form a network.
		Demonstrate how packet numbering
		and re-ordering can allow for large messages to reliably be sent even if
		packets are dropped or arrive out of
		order.

	Model the role of TCP and UDP protocols in transmitting data across networks and the Internet and how they enable secure and errorless communication.
The information sent and received across networks can be protected from unauthorized access and modification in a variety of ways.	Analyze how network security depends on a combination of hardware, software, and practices that control access to data and systems.
The evolution of malware leads to understanding the key security measures and best practices needed to proactively address the threat to digital data.	Investigate how new security measures have been created in response to key malware events.
VOCABULARY: technology, data, trade-off, bias, accessibility, security	
KEY TERMS: computing, computational thinking, binary, file format, network, packets, protocol, hardware, software, malware	

Unit I: Computer Science Principles

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Reflecting on present and past learning through prompts in a OneNote journal
- Manipulating binary code to produce digital artifacts
- Creating a digital product to represent the correlation between technology and society
- Demonstrating data transmission and security through networking using a representative model

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Students will model binary code in an online simulator
- Students will research how they interact with technology and how some technology is biased or not equitable
- Students will model how information is sent across networks in packets
- Students will investigate network security and how it evolves over time due to security breaches

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	2 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Required Supplies/Activities/Software:
	Computers with Internet access
	Microsoft OneNote
	Suggested Supplies/Activities/Software:
	https://curriculum.code.org/csp-20/unit2/
	"Building a Network"
	"Packets"
	https://studio.code.org/courses/csd-2021?section_id=3071346 "Binary"

Unit II: Designing with Programming Constructs

TRANSFER: Students will be able to mobilize the engineering design process and domain knowledge to create an original model given limitations and constraints.

STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
NJ 2020 SLS: Computer Science and Design Thinking 8.1.8.AP.1: Design and illustrate algorithms that solve complex problems using flowcharts and/or pseudocode.	Algorithms and programming control all computing systems, empowering people to communicate with the world in new ways and solve compelling problems.	How can the design of an algorithm help describe the function that it performs?
8.1.8.AP.2: Create clearly named variables that represent different data types and perform operations on their values.	The ability to understand and have a procedural method that will help one solve a problem is a valuable life skill.	How can you solve a problem?
8.1.8.AP.3: Design and iteratively develop programs that combine control structures, including nested loops and compound	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
8.1.8.AP.4: Decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the design,	An algorithm is a series of steps that can be followed to carry out a task.	Describe an algorithm of an everyday task, such as brushing your teeth.
implementation, and review of programs. 8.1.8.AP.5: Create procedures with parameters to organize code and make it easier to reuse.		Deconstruct a multi-step task, such as multiplying two three-digit numbers, into individual steps.

8.1.8.CS.4: Systematically apply		Evaluate the efficiency of an algorithm
troubleshooting strategies to identify and		and recommend improvements.
resolve hardware and software problems in		
computing systems.	Computer scientists design algorithms, then	Recognize the difference between a
	construct programs in a high-level language such as	high-level language such as Scratch and
8.1.8.DA.5: Test, analyze, and refine		
computational models.	Scratch to carry out those algorithms on a computer.	low-level language such as binary.
8.2.8.ED.1: Evaluate the function, value, and		Manipulate an existing Scratch program
aesthetics of a technological product or system,		to make changes to the output such as
from the perspective of the user and the		moving the sprite around the canvas.
producer.		
	Computer scientists use a process to identify, plan,	Identify the steps computer scientists
8.2.8.ED.2: Identify the steps in the design	design, test, and redesign programs like the	use to solve a problem.
process that could be used to solve a problem.	engineering design process.	ase to sorte a processin
	engineering design processi	
NJ 2016 SLS: Literacy in History, Social		Evaluate the design of a Scratch
Studies, & Technical Subjects		program from the perspective of a user
RST.6-8.3: Follow precisely a multistep		and the producer.
procedure when carrying out experiments,		
taking measurements, or performing technical	Readable algorithms can be reused in many	Design and illustrate algorithms that
tasks.	situations and are easier to follow, test, and debug.	solve complex problems using
		flowcharts and/or pseudocode.
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		Create a Scratch program using
		multiple readable algorithms.
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RST.6-8.4: Determine the meaning of symbols,	Complex problems can be decomposed into efficient	Decompose problems and sub-problems
key terms, and other domain-specific words	algorithms by organizing code to generalize	into parts to design a more efficient
and phrases as they are used in a specific	behavior and increase reusability.	algorithm.
scientific or technical context relevant to	·	
grades 6-8 texts and topics.		Freelistes of the monetonia markle markle mark
		Evaluate other relatable problems that
RST.6-8.7: Integrate quantitative or technical		can be solved using a decomposing
information expressed in words in a text with a		process.
version of that information expressed visually		
(e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or	Control structures are selected and combined in	Describe the function of an if statement,
table).	programs to solve more complex problems.	if-else statement, loop, and nested
	responses to seek and the results of	loops.
NJ 2016 SLS: Mathematical Practices		Toops.
MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere		
in solving them.		Design and iteratively develop a
MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.		Scratch program that combines control
MP4: Model with mathematics.		structures, including nested loops and
		compound conditionals.
MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.		
MP7: Look for and make use of structure.	Programmers create variables to store data values of	Identify multiple variables in existing
MP8: Looking for and expressing regularity in	different types and perform appropriate operations	programs and their functions.
repeated reasoning.	on their values.	programs and their functions.
	on their values.	
		Create clearly named variables that
		represent different data types and
		perform operations on their values.

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Functions are code sets that allow us to reuse code more efficiently.	Create procedures with parameters to organize code and make it easier to reuse.
Troubleshooting a problem is more effective when knowledge of the specific device along with a systematic process is used to identify the source of a problem.	Systematically apply troubleshooting strategies to identify and resolve hardware and software problems in computing systems such as debugging.
Computer models can be used to simulate events, examine theories and inferences, or make predictions.	Test, analyze, and refine computational models.
VOCABULARY: efficiency, binary, output, computer science, flowchart, user	
KEY TERMS: algorithm, high-level language, low-level language, Scratch, sprite, canvas, pseudocode, decomposition, if statement, if-else statement, loops, nested loops, control structure, variable, functions, parameters, debugging, computational models	

Unit II: Designing with Programming Constructs

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Reflecting on present and past learning through prompts in a OneNote journal
- Designing algorithms in pseudocode for a process that solves a problem
- Constructing efficient programs to meet the criteria of a task

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Students will break down problems into smaller manageable tasks
- Students will design and test algorithms for completing a task
- Students will create a program to carry out an algorithm while considering efficiency

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	3 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Required Supplies/Activities/Software:	
	Computer with internet connection	
	OneNote Class Notebook	
	Scratch	
	Suggested Supplies/Activities/Software:	
	https://creativecomputing.gse.harvard.edu/guide/curriculum.html	
	Creative Computing Curriculum: About Me	
	Creative Computing Curriculum: Debug it!	
	Creative Computing Curriculum: Maze	
	Creative Computing Curriculum: Pong	

Unit III: Coding for Change

TRANSFER: Students will be able to mobilize the engineering design process and domain knowledge to create an original model given limitations and constraints.

STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
NJ 2020 SLS: Computer Science and Design Thinking 8.1.8.AP.6: Refine a solution that meets users' needs by incorporating feedback from team	Technology can have positive or negative effects on society and the natural world.	How can technology change the world?
members and users. 8.1.8.AP.7: Design programs, incorporating	The engineering design process allows engineers to move from finding "a" solution to finding "the best" solution to a problem.	What makes a solution the best one?
existing code, media, and libraries, and give attribution.		
8.1.8.AP.8: Systematically test and refine	<u>KNOWLEDGE</u> Students will know:	<u>SKILLS</u> Students will be able to:
programs using a range of test cases and users. 8.1.8.AP.9: Document programs in order to make them easier to follow, test, and debug.	Technology is developed to make the completion of tasks easier, safer, and/or more efficient and can have positive and negative effects on the economy and environment.	Research and analyze the design of products that negatively impact the environment or society.

8.1.8.CS.2: Design a system that combines	Resources need to be utilized wisely to have positive	Brainstorm existing technologies and
hardware and software components to process	effects on the environment and society.	products that potentially can be
data.		improved or repurposed through
		modifying resources.
8.1.8.CS.3: Justify design decisions and		
explain potential system trade-offs.		Illustrate how a product is upcycled into
		a new product and analyze the short-
8.2.8.EC.1: Explain ethical issues that may		ž , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
arise from the use of new technologies.		and long-term benefits and costs.
8.2.8.EC.2: Examine the effects of ethical and	Alternative technologies are created to reduce	Compare the environmental effects of
unethical practices in product design and	consumption of resources and combat climate	two alternative technologies devised to
development.	change.	address climate change issues and use
		data to justify which choice is best.
8.2.8.ED.3: Develop a proposal for a solution		
to a real-world problem that includes a model	Technological choices and opportunities vary due to	Describe ethical issues that may arise in
(e.g., physical prototype, graphical/technical	socioeconomic factors and can lead to inequities in	the design, development, and use of
sketch).	technological access and development.	new products and technologies.
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8.2.8.ED.4: Investigate a malfunctioning		
system, identify its impact, and explain the	Engineering design requirements and specifications	Develop a proposal for a sustainable
step-by-step process used to troubleshoot,	involve making trade-offs between competing	solution that addresses a real-world
evaluate, and test options to repair the product	requirements and desired design features.	problem using a model with hardware
in a collaborative team.		and software.
		Justify design decisions and explain
		potential system trade-offs.

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8.2.8.ED.7: Design a product to address a real-	Individuals design and test solutions to identify	Design programs, incorporating
world problem and document the iterative	problems taking into consideration the diverse needs	existing code, media, and libraries, and
design process, including decisions made as a	of the users and the community.	give attribution.
result of specific constraints and trade-offs		
(e.g., annotated sketches).		
		Document programs in order to make
8.2.8.ETW.1: Illustrate how a product is		them easier to follow, test, and debug.
upcycled into a new product and analyze the		
short- and long-term benefits and costs.	Identifying the characteristics of the best performing	Systematically test and refine programs
	design that can provide useful information for the	based on feedback using a range of test
8.2.8.ETW.2: Analyze the impact of modifying	redesign process.	cases and users.
	redesign process.	cases and users.
resources in a product or system (e.g.,		
materials, energy, information, time, tools,		Investigate a malfunctioning system,
people, capital).		identify its impact, and explain the step-
		by-step process used to troubleshoot,
8.2.8.ETW.3: Analyze the design of a product		evaluate, and test options to repair the
that negatively impacts the environment or		product in a collaborative team.
society and develop possible solutions to		product in a conaborative team.
lessen its impact.		
	After a solution is created, evaluation of the system	Examine a system, consider how each
8.2.8.ETW.4: Compare the environmental	can lead to new insights into the function that can be	part relates to other parts, and redesign
effects of two alternative technologies devised	used in another area.	it for another purpose.
to address climate change issues and use data		1 1
to justify which choice is best.	VIO GARANTA ARV	
	VOCABULARY: resources, inequity, trade-off,	
	solution, troubleshoot	

8.2.8.ITH.3: Evaluate the impact of	VEV TEDMS, unavaling alternative technology	
sustainability on the development of a	KEY TERMS: upcycling, alternative technology,	
•	sustainability, engineering design process, hardware,	
designed product or system.	software, program, debug, redesign	
8.2.8.ITH.4: Identify technologies that have		
been designed to reduce the negative		
consequences of other technologies and		
explain the change in impact.		
8.2.8.ITH.5: Compare the impacts of a given		
technology on different societies, noting		
factors that may make a technology		
appropriate and sustainable in one society but		
not in another.		
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8.2.8.NT.1: Examine a malfunctioning tool,		
product, or system and propose solutions to the		
problem.		
8.2.8.NT.2: Analyze an existing technological		
product that has been repurposed for a		
different function.		
8.2.8.NT.3: Examine a system, consider how		
each part relates to other parts, and redesign it		
for another purpose.		
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8.2.8.NT.4: Explain how a product designed	
for a specific demand was modified to meet a	
new demand and led to a new product.	
NJ 2020 SLS: Science	
MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to	
design a method for monitoring and	
minimizing a human impact on the	
environment.	
environment.	
MS-ESS3-5: Ask questions to clarify evidence	
of the factors that have caused climate change	
over the past century.	
ETS1-1: Define the criteria and constraints of a	
design problem with sufficient precision to	
ensure a successful solution, taking into	
account relevant scientific principles and	
potential impacts on people and the natural	
environment that may limit possible solutions.	
MS-ETS1-2: Evaluate competing design	
solutions using a systematic process to	
determine how well they meet the criteria and	
constraints of the problem.	

MS-ETS1-3: Analyze data from tests to	
determine similarities and differences among	
several design solutions to identify the best	
characteristics of each that can be combined	
into a new solution to better meet the criteria	
for success.	
MS-ETS1-4: Develop a model to generate data	
for iterative testing and modification of a	
proposed object, tool, or process such that an	
optimal design can be achieved.	
NJ 2020 SLS: Science – Crosscutting	
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• Cause and effect	
Structure and function	
Systems and system models	
NJ 2020 SLS: Science – Science and	
Engineering Practices 6-8	
 Asking questions and defining problems 	
Developing and using models	
Planning and carrying out investigations	
Analyzing and interpreting data	
Using mathematics and computational	
thinking	

Constructing explanations and designing
solutions
NJ 2020 SLS: Science – Disciplinary Core
Ideas 6-8
ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems
ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions
ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution
NJ 2016 SLS: Literacy in History, Social
Studies, & Technical Subjects
RST.6-8.1: Cite specific textual evidence to
support analysis of science and technical texts.
RST.6-8.7: Integrate quantitative or technical
information expressed in words in a text with a
version of that information expressed visually
(e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
table).
NJ 2016 SLS: Mathematical Practices
MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
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MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
MP4: Model with mathematics.

Unit III: Coding for Change

MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.		
MP7: Look for and make use of structure.		
MP8: Looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning.		
ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:		
 Reflecting on present and past learning through prompts in a OneNote journal 		

- Developing code in a high-level programming language for a sustainable design solution addressing a real-world problem
- Constructing a physical model of a sustainable design solution integrating hardware and software components
- Documenting the development of a program and the iterative design process in a digital format

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Students will investigate factors that influence the design and accessibility of technological products
- Students will create a model of a sustainably designed product to reduce the impact of a technology on the environment or society
- Students will test and refine a product through the iterative design process and systematic troubleshooting

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Required Supplies/Activities/Software:	
	Computers with Internet access	
	Microsoft OneNote	
	Suggested Supplies/Activities/Software:	
	Scratch	
	Microbits	
	Newsela	
	Flocabulary	