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Asheboro City Schools One of 15 Districts to Receive NC DPI Grant Funding for Coding Programs

ASHEBORO – Asheboro City Schools has been awarded \$28,900 through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's new Coding and Mobile App Development Grant Program. Asheboro City Schools is one of 15 school districts to receive grant funding, ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000. The grant is to be used to support partnerships with local businesses to help schools develop computer science, coding, and mobile app development programs for middle and high school students.

"We are extremely pleased to be selected for this highly competitive funding for coding development. At Asheboro High School, we have incredible educators who are already exposing our students to the many facets of coding and computer science. With this additional funding, we are going to be able to offer an Advanced Placement computer science class, provide more opportunities for career exploration for our students, and open more doors for our students through partnerships with local businesses and the community," said Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools. "We are constantly thinking about careers of the future. We continue to focus on strengthening our coding and computer science program in order to equip our students for their future," she added.

The grant funds will support advanced classes in coding and computer science, provide additional opportunities for internships, and support educators at North and South Asheboro Middle Schools and at Asheboro High School.

To learn more about the grant, please contact Dr. Julie Pack, Director of Secondary Education and Career & Technical Education by emailing jpack@asheboro.k12.nc.us.

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