

CS First Education Partners and Friends,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the CS First program as much as we have here at the Michigan Film & Digital Media Office (MFDMO)! From its unveiling in November 2015 through the statewide Launch in January 2016, it's been enormously popular. Thanks to all of you who have embraced the program and MFDMO partnership with your students during the school year, and who continue to offer the program as part of a summer school activity or 'camp'.

Through our partnership, Google is now utilizing Michigan as a model to get more states and regions involved in the CS First Program. Stay tuned for more information as this exciting new announcement is released!

We are excited to announce our latest benefits for participating schools that are new to the MFDMO partnership, or that re-register their club(s) for the 2016-2017 school year: headphones and digital badging!

Headphones

Beginning September 1, the MFDMO will provide up to 20 headphones per school that joins for the first time in 2016-2017, and up to 20 headphones for any school that participated in 2015-2016 and that confirms their ongoing participation as of September 1 in the MFDMO partnership for the 2016-2017 school year.

A new school must sign up for the partnership with the MFDMO, and enroll a minimum of 20 students to be eligible to receive the headphones. A returning school must verify their ongoing participation for the 2016-2017 school year by updating their participation data (a reminder will be sent on or around September 1) and enroll a minimum of 20 students in the program.

To place a request for headphones, the CS First contact person for your school should send an email request to ***csfirst@michigan.org***, and include a delivery address for the school where the headphones should be sent. We will monitor new school signups and renewals that we receive online beginning September 1 to verify your eligibility, and headphones will be shipped during early to mid-September.

Note: Each school, homeschool, or other youth-centered organization is considered one entity; maximum number of headphones per school/entity is 20. Homeschools will be limited to one set of headphones.



Digital Badging



In partnership with Google and the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Film & Digital Media Office (MFDMO) is excited to offer students the ability to share their success in the CS First program by earning a digital badge specific to the completion of their CS First Club theme. The *CS First Digital Badging Program* is an **exclusive** opportunity for clubs that have signed up for the CS First program through our office and in partnership with Google. Please [click here](#) for more information on the digital badging program and how to access the badges.

We welcome you to [learn more about our partnership](#) and the [CS First Program](#) effort to ensure Michigan youth have access to this unique curriculum that requires no previous computer science experience.

Joining this effort is an easy, two-step process:

- 1) Complete the [MFDMO online registration form](#). This entitles you to exclusive partnership opportunities including a forthcoming digital badging system that will be available to the students who complete CS First Clubs.
- 2) [Start a club and receive lesson plans](#) on the CS First website.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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