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Understanding North Dakota's Computer Science and Cybersecurity Requirements in K–12 Education

High School Instruction (NDCC 15.1-21-02)

At the high school level, the expectations are more robust. To maintain approval status, public and nonpublic high schools must:

- Provide or make available at least one unit of computer science or cybersecurity to every student, **AND**
- Develop and implement an integration plan similar to that required for K-8, also due by July 1, 2024.

The law defines "make available" as follows:

- Schools must allow students to select computer science or cybersecurity courses from an approved list.
- If selected, the school must provide the course, either directly or through approved delivery methods such as:
 - In-person instruction
 - Distance learning (e.g., interactive video, online platforms)
 - Dual credit or postsecondary enrollment options.

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