



Code4Life is an after school program developed by the Economic Growth DC Foundation in partnership with Accenture. It teaches basic computer programming skills to boys and girls in the District of Columbia public and charter school systems. Scheduled to launch on September 22, 2014, the program will provide instruction in basic coding to a group of 15 sixth-graders at the new KIPP Northeast Academy.

The class will meet for two hours after school, one day a week for the majority of the school year. A summer immersion program will be offered starting in 2015. Students will remain in the program and working on progressively more complex programming, including a robotics module, until they complete 12th-grade.

Accenture has completed the design of the curriculum for the program and will provide the instructors for each class. The initial module will be based on a programming language developed at the University of California at Berkeley called SNAP. The Foundation will administer the program, provide operational and managerial support and handle fundraising. The curriculum was designed to scale easily. Assuming initial success, we would like to see the program spread to other DCPS and charter schools as quickly as resources permit.

This is the first program of its kind in DC public schools.

Our plans include helping program participants with internships, SAT preparation, and for those enrolling in higher-ed computer science programs, help with applications and financial aid. The program will be considered a success when participants are successfully enrolled in a 4-year college level computer science program, in a technical training program, or successfully placed in a professional technology job upon graduation from high school.

If you would be interested in supporting this program financially, visit our website at <http://egdcfoundation.org> and click on the “Contribute” button at the top of the page. The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible as a charitable gift.

If you have a technology background and would be interested in volunteering as an instructor, a curriculum designer, or if you’d like to help with communications, please contact us at code4life@egdcfoundation.org.