#MaineTeachesCS – FAQ

Q: Is the CSI professional learning required to get the mobile labs?

A: If you submitted your application for mobile computer science labs by September 30th, CSI is <u>NOT</u> a requirement to receive your school's mobile computer science lab(s), nor to submit for reimbursement.

Q: Are we expected to build an additional 24 hours of PD into our year?

A: No. The 24 hour PD requirement is for the CSI Educator, not for the educators in the school building. Additionally, this 24 hours can include integrating CS into PD that was already planned.

Q: What does the 24 hour PD requirement mean?

A: The CSI Educator is being asked to deliver 24 hours of CSI PD across their school throughout the duration of January-December, 2023.

Q: How does the 24 hours of PD need to be provided and when?

A: When and how that 24 hours is delivered is customizable and adaptable to meet the needs of the school's educator population.

Some of these 24 hours could be used to**…

- *integrate CS into PD that is already planned.*
- *coach other educators with integrating CS into existing lessons.*
- *provide schoolwide PD on an in-service day.*

   **These are just a few options. There are many more.

Q: What does the 50% mean?

A: Through this year-long PD initiative, the CSI Educator should interact with more than 50% of the educators in their building.

Q: Does this mean that more than 50% of the educators in our building need to engage in the 24 hours of PD?

A: No. More than 50% of the educators in the building are <u>NOT</u> required to engage in <u>ALL</u> 24 hours of PD.

Q: What does the PD provided by the CSI Educator look like?

A: This PD can take on MANY forms and is very customizable for the school.

Q: Will CSI Educators receive support to provide the PD?

A: Yes! CSI Educators will be provided with resources and scaffolding for the PD that they will engage educators in within their school.

Q: Is it one CSI Educator per district or per school?

A: Each school is eligible to have one educator engage in CSI PD.

Q: When are nominations due?

A: Nominations for CSI Educators are due December 11th, 2022.

Q: How will we receive these - will everything be shipped, and IT will be responsible for unboxing and configuring for deployment? If so, what is the timeframe for delivery?

A:
- *Everything will be shipped directly to schools or to a central office. That choice is up to each school district.*
- *IT or another district entity will be responsible for unboxing and configuring.*
- *Ideally, the turnaround will be 2-4 weeks from the day the order is placed.*
- *The vendors are aware that districts will be placing orders and will be staged to ship as soon as orders are placed.*

Q: Will we be receiving some kind of PD to learn how all of this should be prepped?

A: *Maine DOE is planning to provide PD around these labs throughout the school year and the products also have additional vendor-provided support as well.*

Q: Who is deploying these labs at each school level? Will someone from the State be onsite, or will it be up to our Tech Coaches or IT staff?

A: *Deployment decisions are up to the school districts. The MLTI team at the DOE will be prepared to support tech coaches, IT staff, or whoever ends up being responsible for deployment; however there will not be someone on site at each school.*

Q: What type of PD will be provided and when?

A: *The PD that Maine DOE provides will target various audiences and will cover various topics and will center around computer science integration for PK-12. More information on this will be coming very soon.*

Q: How will we be handling break/fix? Are these items going to be shipped to a State provided depot for replacement? Will you be providing hot-swaps? How is the State paying fixes/replacements - reimbursement or direct vendor pay?

A: *Districts will own these mobile labs and upkeep, repairs, replacements, etc. are the responsibility of the district.*

Q: What about peripheral components (e.g., lost or broken cables, power cords, etc.)

A: *This initiative does not cover peripheral components, other than what's included in the lab. It will be up to the school district to work with the vendor to negotiate their needs for peripherals.*

Q: Are schools expected to collect, inventory, clean, and store the labs over the summer?

A: *How the mobile labs are managed is a district decision.*

Q: Will the state be requiring any type of audits or reports from school districts on asset management and/or usage?

A: *There will be expectations surrounding engagement in professional learning opportunities for these labs. More information on this will be coming very soon.*

Q: Will we be receiving one lab per school, one per phase level, or just one for the district?/Is my school eligible for more than one lab?

A: *One per each school; so if a district has three schools, each school is eligible for a lab, making three total labs for the district. A school is eligible for additional labs based on student enrollment. For every 100 students, a school is eligible for a mobile lab.*

Q: Will the vendors apply special pricing if we would like to add additional labs? Is there a contact at each company?

A: *Each vendor has a different pricing set up and offers discounts based on eligibility and quantity. The vendors are prepared to work with each district to get them the best deal possible.*

Q: It sounds like the DOE has worked with a vendor or vendors to establish a reimbursement process. If the reimbursement is between the District and DOE, how will that process work?

A: *The set up will be for districts to order through the vendors and then districts submit to DOE for reimbursement. It's a relatively simple process, but more information about the exact steps will be coming very soon.*

Q: It looks like the cost of Merge EDU and CoSpaces licensing is included for one year - are we to assume that after that, Districts will need to pick up the ongoing licensing costs?

A: *After the one-year, districts will need to take on the costs of the licenses if they are to continue. The labs are able to provide one year.*

Q: Is there any accidental damage protection (e.g., ADP for 3 years) provided, or just included warranty?

A: *The only warranty on these products are the warranties provided by the vendors.*

Q: Are CTEs eligible?

A: *CTE students will have access to mobile labs through their sending schools, but CTE centers are not eligible to receive their own lab. CTEs should be able to access the mobile labs from their sending schools.*

Q: Are laptops or other devices included?

A: *No. What's outlined in the labs are what comes*

Q: Are Town Academies eligible?

A: *Yes!; 60/40 town academies are eligible.*