

# West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District AP Computer Science A Grades 9-12 Practical

# **Unit 0: Computer Science**

Content Area: Computer Science

Course & Grade Level: Computer Science - Grade 12

# **Summary and Rationale**

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District recognizes the importance of the study 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers standards. Additionally, it is also believed this learning should not be taught in isolation and cross curricular and career ready practices are embedded in every unit of study. Unit 0 is incorporated into each unit of study of this curricular document.

# **Recommended Pacing:**

ELA Companion Standards and Career Ready Practices will be integrated throughout all units of study.

# **Interdisciplinary Connections**

Grades 9-10

### **Progress Indicators Reading Science and Technical Subjects**

### Key Ideas and Details

<u>RST.9-10.1</u>. Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.

<u>RST.9-10.2</u>. Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.

<u>RST.9-10.3</u>. Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.

### Craft and Structure

<u>RST.9-10.4</u>. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to *grades 9-10 texts* and topics.

<u>RST.9-10.5</u>. Analyze the relationships among concepts in a text, including relationships among key terms (e.g., *force, friction, reaction force, energy*).

<u>RST.9-10.6</u>. Determine the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, defining the question the author seeks to address.

### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

<u>RST.9-10.7</u>. Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words.

<u>RST.9-10.8</u>. Determine if the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem.

<u>RST.9-10.9</u>. Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity:

RST.9-10.10. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 9-10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

# Career Ready Practices

- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
- CRP10. Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.
- CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

Competencies for 21st Century Learners				
X	Collaborative Team Member	X	Effective Communicator	
X	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen	X	Information Literate Researcher	
X	Innovative & Practical Problem Solver	X	Self-Directed Learner	

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

# **Summary and Rationale**

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# **Recommended Pacing**

5 days

### **State Standards**

**8.1 Educational Technology:** All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaboratively and to create and communicate knowledge.

Strand: Digital Citizenship; Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Decision-Making

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
8.1.12.D.2	Demonstrate appropriate use of copyrights as well as fair use and Creative Commons guidelines.
8.1.12.F.2	Analyze the capabilities and limitations of current and emerging technology resources and assess their potential to address educational, career, personal, and social needs.

### **Instructional Focus**

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

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# **Unit Essential Questions**

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### Objectives

### Students will know:

- Lab Rules/Procedures
- Anatomy of a Computer
- History of Computing
- JAVA Language
- Compilation Process
- BlueJ IDE
- Java Class Libraries

### Students will be able to:

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# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 1.1

### **Competencies for 21st Century Learners**

Collaborative Team Member

**Effective Communicator** 

	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen		Information Literate Researcher	
	Innovative & Practical Problem Solver		Self-Directed Learner	
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# **Unit 2: Using Objects**

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# **Recommended Pacing**

10 days

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**8.2 Technology Education, Engineering, and Design:** All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, and the designed world, as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.

**Strand:** Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Resources for a Technological World; The Designed World

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8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**Mathematics Standard 4.5:** All students will use mathematical processes of problem solving, communication, connections, reasoning, representations, and technology to solve problems and communicate mathematical ideas.

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4.5.D.4	Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Students will understand how object oriented design leads to an understandable, reusable and maintainable program.
- Students will understand that object oriented design is an important part of program implementation.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How and why does one abstract and encapsulate data?
- What are reusable components?
- How are class relationships defined?
- How are reusable components from existing class libraries re-used?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Types and Variables
- Objects, Classes, Methods
- Parameters and Return Values
- Constructors
- Accessor and Mutator Methods
- Object References

### Students will be able to:

Write programs that utilize the skills including the above.

Evidence of Learning				
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Common Assessment 2.1				
Competencies for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners				
	Collaborative Team Member		Effective Communicator	
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# **Unit 3: Class Implementation**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

10 days

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**Strand:** Problem Solving

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### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand that object oriented design is an important part of program implementation.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How does top down development relate to encapsulation, abstraction, and object oriented development?
- How do systems evolve from program model via individual classes and segments?
- Why are objects used to encapsulate primitive data and methods?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Class Design
- Comments and javadoc
- Implementing Constructors and Methods
- Testing constructors and methods
- Variable types

### Students will be able to:

- Utilize class design, comments, Javadoc, implement constructors and methods.
- Test constructors and methods.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 3.1

### Competencies for 21st Century Learners

Collaborative Team Member	Effective Communicator
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# **Unit 4: Fundamental Data Types**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

10 days

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# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

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### **Unit Essential Questions**

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### **Objectives**

# Students will know:

- Number Types
- Constants
- Assignment, Increment, and Decrement
- Arithmetic Operations
- Order of Operations
- Math Class
- String Class

### Students will be able to:

Show their proficiency of the above through coding examples.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 4.1

### **Competencies for 21st Century Learners**

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### **Unit 5: Decisions**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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10 days

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### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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**Strand:** Problem Solving

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4.5.A.6	Distinguish relevant from irrelevant information, and identify missing information.

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand design methods for reusable code and ways of adapting code for reuse.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

What are the characteristics of boundary cases and how may they be tested?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- If Statements
- Comparing Values
- Complex Decisions
- Switch Statement
- Nested If Statements
- Boolean Expressions
- Truth Tables
- DeMorgan's Law

### Students will be able to:

Utilize the above through coding examples and projects.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 5.1

### **Competencies for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners**

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### **Unit 6: Iteration**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

15 days

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### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand design methods for reusable code and ways of adapting code for reuse.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- What are the characteristics of boundary cases and how may they be tested?
- When is it appropriate to modify existing code for new use?
- How is inheritance used to extend existing code?
- How are estimates of runtime and space needs determined and described?
- How are abstract and concrete data represented and interpreted by the computer?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- While Loops
- For Loops
- Nested Loops
- Algorithms/Efficiency
- Random Number Simulations

### Students will be able to:

Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects and demonstrations.

# Assessment Common Assessment 6.1 Competencies for 21st Century Learners Collaborative Team Member Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen Innovative & Practical Problem Solver Evidence of Learning Effective Communicator Information Literate Researcher Self-Directed Learner

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	Unit 7: Arrays/ArrayLists
Content Area: Technology	

### Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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15 days

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### **Instructional Focus**

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand that object oriented design is an important part of program implementation.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How are abstract and concrete data represented and interpreted by the computer?
- How may a structure be traversed?
- How may a structure be used to perform a useful task?
- How do you choose the correct tools for a given task?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Array Construction
- Array Algorithms- Traverse, Find, Replace, Max, Min, Count, Average, Tally
- ArrayList Construction
- ArrayList Algorithms Traverse, Find, Replace, Max, Min, Count, Average, Tally
- Wrapper Classes

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

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Evidence of Learning		
Assessment		
Common Assessment 7.1		
Competencies for 21st Century Learners		
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Unit 8: Designing/Testing Classes
Content Area: Technology
Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12
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15 days

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8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**Mathematics Standard 4.5:** All students will use mathematical processes of problem solving, communication, connections, reasoning, representations, and technology to solve problems and communicate mathematical ideas.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)		
4.5.A.3	Select and apply a variety of appropriate problem-solving strategies (e.g., "try a simpler problem" or "make a diagram") to solve problems.		
4.5.A.6	Distinguish relevant from irrelevant information, and identify missing information.		
4.5.D.4	Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.		
	Instructional Focus		

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Student will understand how classes lead to reusable and maintainable programs.
- Students will understand design methods for reusable code and ways of adapting code for reuse.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- When is it appropriate to test classes in isolation?
- What is the difference between an interface and a class?
- Why does an interface not include implementation of methods?
- What is the relationship between the interface specifications and the eventual implementation via inheritance?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Choosing Classes
- Flowcharts/CRC cards
- Arrays vs. ArrayLists as containers
- Creating has-a relationships between classes
- Preconditions/Post conditions
- Cohesion and Coupling
- Scope
- Testing Classes
- Test Case Selection
- Debugging
- Tracing
- Errors

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

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Evidence of Learning			
Assessment			
Common Assessment 8.1			
Competencies for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners			
Collaborative Team Member	Effective Communicator		
Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen	Information Literate Researcher		
Innovative & Practical Problem Solver	Self-Directed Learner		
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# **Resources**

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### **Unit 9: Code Reuse**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

# **Summary and Rationale**

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# **Recommended Pacing**

15 days

### **State Standards**

**8.1 Educational Technology:** All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaboratively and to create and communicate knowledge.

### Strand:

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
8.1.12.B.1	Design and pilot a digital learning game to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to one or more content areas or a real world situation.	
8.1.12.F.2	Analyze the capabilities and limitations of current and emerging technology resources and assess their potential to address educational, career, personal, and social needs.	

**8.2** Technology Education, Engineering, and Design: All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, and the designed world, as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.

**Strand:** Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Resources for a Technological World; The Designed World

CPI#	CPI#
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8.2.12.F.1	Determine and use the appropriate application of resources in the design, development, and creation of a technological product or system.
8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**Mathematics Standard 4.5:** All students will use mathematical processes of problem solving, communication, connections, reasoning, representations, and technology to solve problems and communicate mathematical ideas.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator	(CPI)	١

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### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand design methods for reusable code and ways of adapting code for reuse.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- When is it appropriate to modify existing code for new use?
- How is inheritance used to extend existing code?
- How can pre- and post-conditions and assertions be used to ease the reuse process?
- Why is the exception model used and how does it ease code reuse?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Interfaces
- Abstract Classes
- Inheritance
- Object Class

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 9.1

## Competencies for 21st Century Learners

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	Collaborative Team Member		Effective Communicator
	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen		Information Literate Researcher
	Innovative & Practical Problem Solver		Self-Directed Learner

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# **Unit 10: Grid World Case Study**

**Content Area: Technology** 

### Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

20 days

### **State Standards**

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### Strand:

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8.1.12.F.2	Analyze the capabilities and limitations of current and emerging technology resources and assess their potential to address educational, career, personal, and social needs.	

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**Strand:** Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Resources for a Technological World; The Designed World

CPI#	CPI#
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8.2.12.F.1	Determine and use the appropriate application of resources in the design, development, and creation of a technological product or system.
8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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4.5.D.4 Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.

### **Instructional Focus**

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Students will understand how object oriented design leads to an understandable, reusable and maintainable program.
- Students will understand that object oriented design is an important part of program implementation.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How does one read, understand, and specify a problem description?
- How does top down development relate to encapsulation, abstraction, and object oriented development?
- Why are objects used to encapsulate primitive data and methods?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Case Study Development
- Case Study Explorations
- Grid Interface
- Bug Class and Inheritance

### Students will be able to:

Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

Evidence of Learning			
Assessment			
Common Assessment 10.1			
Competencies for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners			
Collaborative Team Member	Effective Communicator		
Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen	Information Literate Researcher		
Innovative & Practical Problem Solver	Self-Directed Learner		

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Unit 11: Recursion
Content Area: Technology
Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12
Summary and Rationale

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# **Recommended Pacing**

10 days

### State Standards

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### Strand:

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8.1.12.B.1	Design and pilot a digital learning game to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to one or more content areas or a real world situation.
8.1.12.F.2	Analyze the capabilities and limitations of current and emerging technology resources and assess their potential to address educational, career, personal, and social needs.

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**Strand:** Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Resources for a Technological World; The Designed World

CPI#	CPI#
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8.2.12.F.1	Determine and use the appropriate application of resources in the design, development, and creation of a technological product or system.
8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**Mathematics Standard 4.5:** All students will use mathematical processes of problem solving, communication, connections, reasoning, representations, and technology to solve problems and communicate mathematical ideas.

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4.5.D.4	Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.	
Instructional Focus		

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Students will understand design and analysis of the underlying representations of abstract data and tools for manipulating data in complex ways.
- Students will understand standard algorithms and process applied to standard structures.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How are abstract and concrete data represented and interpreted by the computer?
- How may a structure be traversed?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Recursion vs. Iteration
- Helper Methods
- Efficiency of Recursion

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

	Evidence of Learning			
As	Assessment			
Co	Common Assessment 11.1			
Co	Competencies for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners			
	Collaborative Team Member		Effective Communicator	
	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen		Information Literate Researcher	
	Innovative & Practical Problem Solver		Self-Directed Learner	

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# **Unit 12: Sorting and Searching**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

15 days

### **State Standards**

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### Strand:

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CPI#	CPI#
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8.2.12.F.1	Determine and use the appropriate application of resources in the design, development, and creation of a technological product or system.
8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator	(CPI)	١

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4.5.A.6	Distinguish relevant from irrelevant information, and identify missing information.
4.5.D.4	Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand standard algorithms and process applied to standard structures.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How may a structure be traversed?
- How may a structure be used to perform a useful task?
- How do you choose the correct tools for a given task?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Insert/Delete
- Selection Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Merge Sort
- Recursive Merge Sort
- Efficiency of/Comparison of Sorts
- Linear Search
- Binary Search
- Comparable Interface

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 12.1

# **Competencies for 21st Century Learners**

	Collaborative Team Member	Effective Communicator
	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen	Information Literate Researcher
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### **Unit 13: AP Exam Review**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

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# **Recommended Pacing**

10 days

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CPI#	CPI#
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8.2.12.F.1	Determine and use the appropriate application of resources in the design, development, and creation of a technological product or system.
8.2.12.G.1	Analyze the interactions among various technologies and collaborate to create a product or system demonstrating their interactivity.

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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4.5.D.4	Rely on reasoning, rather than answer keys, teachers, or peers, to check the correctness of their problem solutions.	

### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Students will understand that object oriented design is an important part of program implementation.
- Students will understand runtime analysis and the influence of the underlying representations on performance and accuracy in calculation.
- Students will understand design and analysis of the underlying representations of abstract data and tools for manipulating data in complex ways.
- Students will understand standard algorithms and process applied to standard structures.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Exam Preparation
- Test Strategies

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 13.1

# **Competencies for 21st Century Learners**

Collaborative Team Member	Effective Communicator
Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen	Information Literate Researcher
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# **Unit 14: Programming Graphics**

**Content Area: Technology** 

Course & Grade Level: AP Computer Science A, 9-12

# **Summary and Rationale**

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# **Recommended Pacing**

20 days

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CPI#	CPI#
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### **Unit Enduring Understandings**

• Students will understand design and analysis of the underlying representations of abstract data and tools for manipulating data in complex ways.

### **Unit Essential Questions**

- How are abstract and concrete data represented and interpreted by the computer?
- How do you choose the correct tools for a given task?

### **Objectives**

### Students will know:

- Frame Windows
- Shapes
- Colors
- Graphics2D

### Students will be able to:

• Utilize the above to demonstrate mastery of the skills through projects

# **Evidence of Learning**

### Assessment

Common Assessment 14.1

# **Competencies for 21st Century Learners**

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	Collaborative Team Member		Effective Communicator	
-	+			
	Globally Aware, Active, & Responsible Student/Citizen		Information Literate Researcher	
	Innovative & Practical Problem Solver		Self-Directed Learner	

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