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A Research Partnership Between EBRPSS and LSU



## Program Goals

1. **NSF Grant: to create 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> computing Pathway and track student progress on it:**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Intro to STEM Pathways & Careers\*
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Survey of Computer Science
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Intro to Computational Thinking \*\*
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: Cyber Security \*
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade: Data Manipulation & Analysis

\*Universal Jumpstart 2.0 Course on ALL 15 Pathways

\*\* Counts on all but 1 of the 15 Jumpstart 2.0 Paths

## Baton Rouge: Bringing Youth Technology, Education, and Success

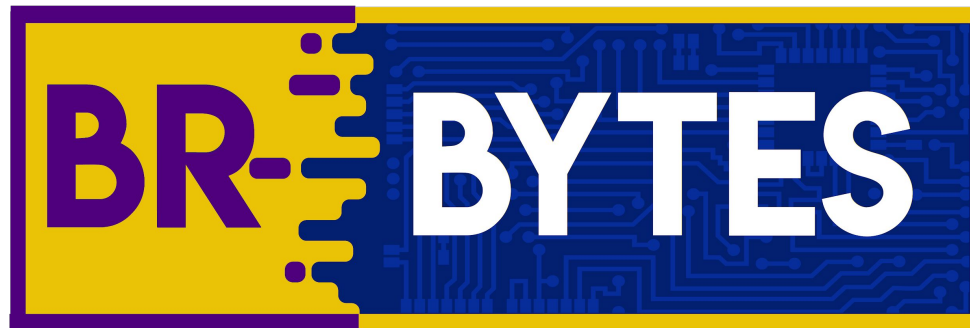


# Program Goals

2. **EIR Grant:** to assess the effectiveness of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade course Intro to Computational Thinking. ICT (9th or 10th grade):

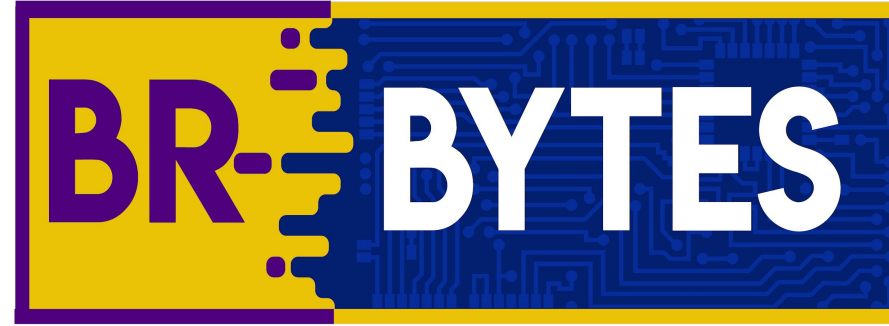
- is standards-aligned, hands-on, and project-based,
- teaches text-based programming
- **reinforces Algebra I and Geometry.**

We will compare the outcomes of students taking ICT and of students taking one other LSU Pathways course without programming on their LEAP 2025 Math Exams.



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3. **Both Grants:** to increase access and reduce inequity in students' ability to take Computer Science



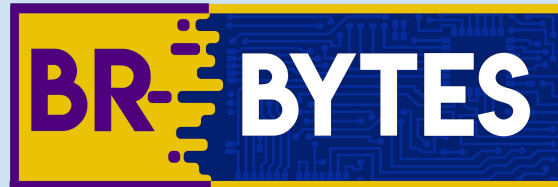
Attributes of a Computer Science Student:

- Creative mindset
- Team-oriented communicator
- Enjoyment of puzzles, problem solving, and being innovative
- Interest in business, art, music, science, healthcare, finance, entertainment, and of course computing
- Interest in a career with flexible hours and/or work locations
- Interested in a 2 or 4 year post high school degree/training
- **Math Ability should not be a limiting factor.** Many students excel in coding when they struggled in math because it is applied math with a purpose.

# Which EBR schools are involved in 2020/2021?

## Middle Schools

- Woodlawn Middle
- Mayfair Middle
- Westdale Middle
- Capitol Middle
- Southeast Middle
- Glen Oaks Middle
- Istrouma Middle
- Brookstown Middle
- Northeast Middle
- **3 More Middle Schools To Join  
in 2021/2022**



## High Schools

- Woodlawn High
- McKinley Senior High
- Broadmoor Senior High
- Glen Oaks Senior High
- Istrouma High
- Scotlandville Magnet High
- Baton Rouge Magnet High
- Northeast High
- Belaire Magnet High
- Tara High
- Liberty High (Pilot Started Here)

# EBR Computing Track Progression



7th Grade: Intro STEM Pathways & Careers

8th Grade: Survey of Computer Science

9th Grade: Introduction to Computational Thinking (ICT) **OR**



Option A

LSU

STEM

Pathway/  
College

Option B

EBR/ BRCC

Partnership

at

CTEC

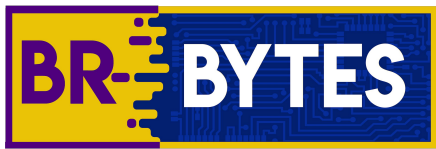
Option C

IBM

CY-Tech

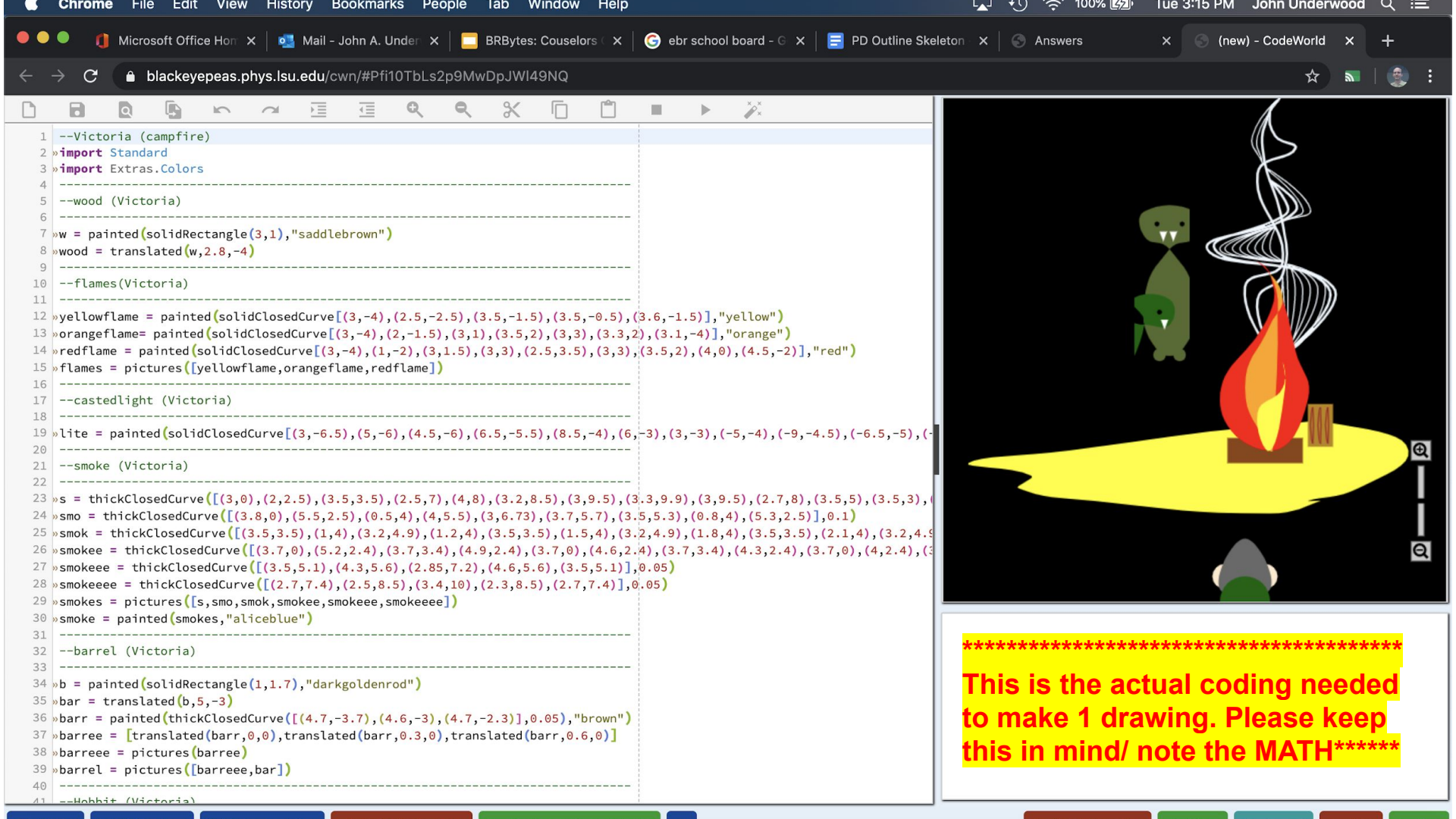
TARA HIGH



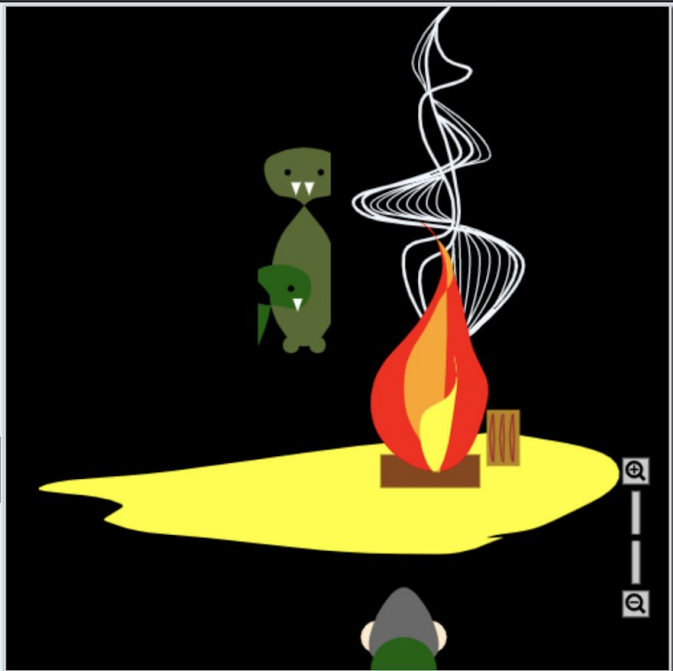


# Accomplishments/ Data as of December 2020

- 1,835 students took a Computer Science Class in the Fall 2020 Semester
- 67% are students from a minority background
- 47% are students from an economically disadvantaged background
- 26 EBR teachers received stipends, professional support, and some earned graduate credit hours at no cost to them or the district
- Program recognition by US Assistant Secretary of Education Frank Brogan with an in person visit, Jan 2020.
- Dr. Underwood selected as 1 of 10 Computer Science Teachers Association Equity Fellows from across the nation.
- National publication of 3 research articles on the impact of the professional development, curriculum structure, and student impact.
- *The first school district in Louisiana to bring ALL students a chance to take Computer Science Classes in a 7-12 Pathway!*



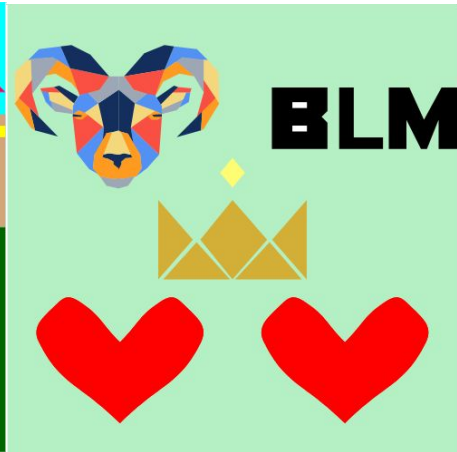
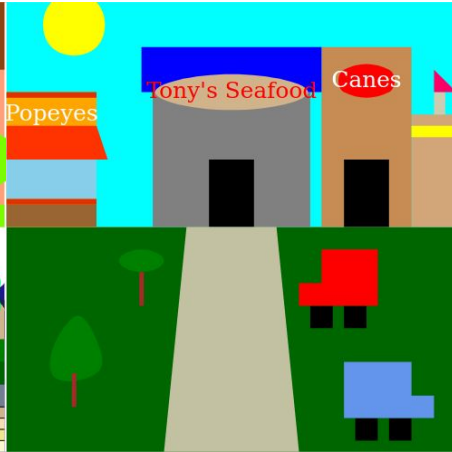
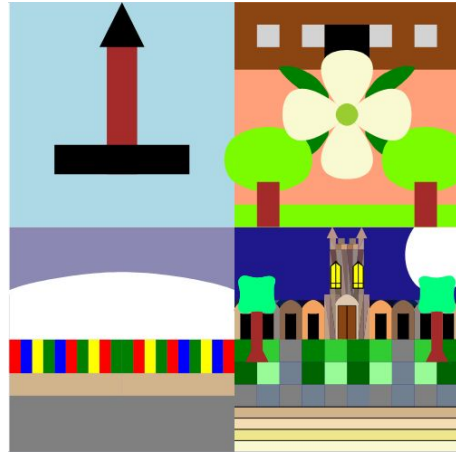
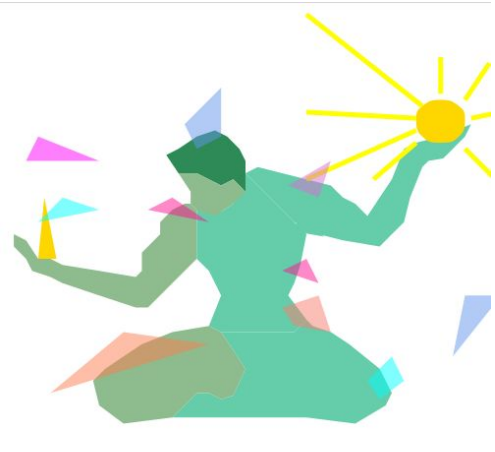
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2 »import Standard
3 »import Extras.Colors
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5 --wood (Victoria)
6 -----
7 »w = painted(solidRectangle(3,1),"saddlebrown")
8 »wood = translated(w,2.8,-4)
9 -----
10 --flames(Victoria)
11 -----
12 »yellowflame = painted(solidClosedCurve[(3,-4),(2.5,-2.5),(3.5,-1.5),(3.5,-0.5),(3.6,-1.5)],"yellow")
13 »orangeflame= painted(solidClosedCurve[(3,-4),(2,-1.5),(3,1),(3.5,2),(3,3),(3,3),(3.3,2),(3.1,-4)],"orange")
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16 -----
17 --castedlight (Victoria)
18 -----
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20 -----
21 --smoke (Victoria)
22 -----
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31 -----
32 --barrel (Victoria)
33 -----
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37 »barree = [translated(barr,0,0),translated(barr,0,3,0),translated(barr,0,6,0)]
38 »barreee = pictures(barree)
39 »barrel = pictures([barreee,bar])
40 -----
41 --Hobbit (Victoria)
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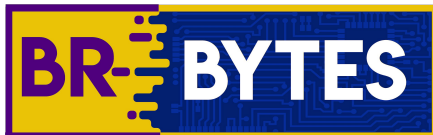


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**This is the actual coding needed to make 1 drawing. Please keep this in mind/ note the MATH\*\*\*\*\***  
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# Student Work Fall 2020





# Our 2020/2021 Amazing Teachers!

Zaveola Banguel

Laura Efferson

Elsie Esteba

Michelle Foster

Stephen Fraizer

Eymel Gant

Lori Gaubert

Cynthia Gonzales

Jocelyn Guterrez-Hudson

Terrie Hasten Fleming

Brittany Jackson

Shehla Khan

Brandon Landry



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Gerraca Matthews

Brandon McQuirter

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Victoria Palamone

David Ray

Charles Scarbrough

LaShandra Seymour

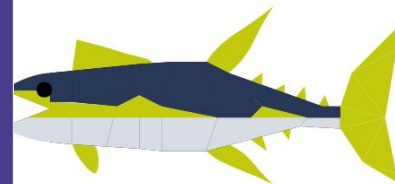
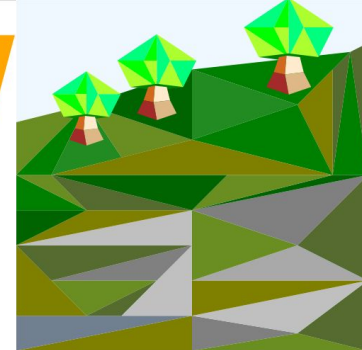
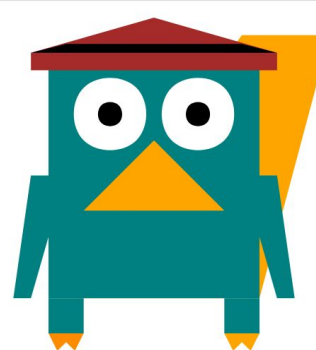
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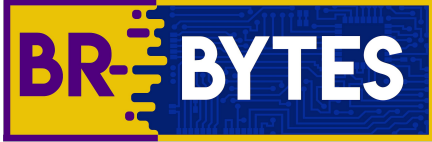
Tammy Washington

Jennifer Whitesell

Kirshawn Williams

Jaquincia Williams





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- Dr. John Underwood (EBRPSS)

