

## **2024-2025 Affiliation Agreement between Spring ISD and The Coding Initiative**

This letter will serve as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Spring ISD Career and Technical Education Department (SISD) and The Coding Initiative (external organization). No fees shall be exchanged in the performance of this MOU.

### **Term of Agreement, Modification, Termination:**

- A. The term of this MOU shall be one year, commencing on the date of signature and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of one year and will renew annually, unless terminated earlier by the parties upon:
  - i) Mutual consent
  - ii) Ninety-days prior written notice, with or without cause, by either party;
  - iii) Three-days notice if the services described in section (c) below are not provided in a satisfactory and proper manner as determined by SISD; or,
  - iv) As otherwise set forth herein.
  
- B. It is agreed and understood that the parties to this MOU may revise or modify this MOU by written amendment when both parties agree to such amendment.
  
- C. **The services provided by The Coding Initiative** to the Spring ISD Career and Technical Education Department are exclusively for high school students classified as 9th through 12th grade, at a Spring ISD high school, and who are registered members of The Coding Initiative chapters, chapters being branches of The Coding Initiative affiliated with Spring ISD, e.g., Wunsche Coding Initiative. Services including:
  - i) Website Access**
    - i. Fully functional GPA Calculator tailored to Spring I.S.D's system
    - ii. Scholarship & Program Database, with staff assistance for applications
    - iii. Access to STEM support, career advice, college and application guidance, as offered, by students enrolled at accredited colleges/universities through a scheduling system proctored by The Coding Initiative.
  - ii) Guest Speakers and Permissions**
    - i. The Coding Initiative will provide personnel to serve as guest speakers and trainers in workshops, meetings, etc., on dates specified by The Coding Initiative & campus staff, to introduce CTE students to STEM education and student success learning opportunities. The Coding Initiative will comply with all SISD regulations regarding guest

speakers, outside vendors, and similar personnel, and will go through the appropriate channels/personnel to schedule and obtain necessary approvals for these engagements.

- ii. The Coding Initiative will provide college/university students, as facilitators, to support the mission to promote interest, exploration, and skill for the field of programming through student-taught lessons at all grade levels (9-12).

**iii) Intellectual Property and Use Rights**

- i. The Coding Initiative will allow SISD to publish materials acknowledging the partnership between their external organization and The Coding Initiative. Any materials must be reviewed and approved by The Coding Initiative communications department and Spring ISD communications department.
- ii. All intellectual property, such as software, tools, and educational content developed by The Coding Initiative under this MOU, shall remain the property of The Coding Initiative. SISD is granted a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use this intellectual property exclusively for the educational and operational purposes specified in this MOU, throughout its term.

**D. Services to be provided by Spring ISD**

- i) SISD will provide oversight of the external organization by requiring that a designated Spring ISD staff member serve as the SkillsUSA sponsor for the SISD campus-based activities.
- ii) SISD will ensure that the external organization is collaborating with high school student members within the district's educational objectives, particularly in promoting coding education and student success.
- iii) SISD will allow the external organization to advertise and conduct appropriate recruiting, competitions, and community service initiatives to support program activities.
- iv) SISD will permit The Coding Initiative to collect student emails voluntarily by students, without coercion, exclusively for the purposes of communication and determining availability for meetings and conferences, in accordance with FERPA regulations.
- v) SISD IT department will continue to allow access to The Coding Initiative domain on all SISD devices for website access and ensure the domain is whitelisted for email exchange between student accounts.
- vi) SISD will allow The Coding Initiative to publish materials acknowledging the partnership between their external organization and SISD. Any materials

must be reviewed and approved by the district in accordance with Board Policy GKB Legal, Local and Regulation.

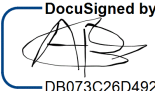
**Executed** by the parties on the day and year first above written.

**Agreement of Affiliation**

The Agreement of Affiliation between Spring ISD Career and Technical Education Department and The Coding Initiative has been thoroughly reviewed by all parties. The Terms of the agreement are satisfactory.


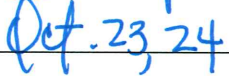
This MOU is executed by the parties in their capacities as stated below.

**The Coding Initiative**

By:  **Date:** 10/24/2024

Anderson Ramirez  
Board President

**Spring Independent School District**

By:   
**Date:** 

Dr. Lupita Hinojosa  
Superintendent of Schools