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## **BLUE HORIZONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDED COMPUTER SCIENCE CS100 “ALL IN” CERTIFICATE**

**BUCKEYE (August 30, 2023)** – Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 is pleased to announce that Blue Horizons Elementary School was awarded the Computer Science [CS100 “All In” certificate](#) by CS For Elementary and CS For All for excellence in computer science.

"We are honored at Blue Horizons to be the recipient of the CS100 award for coding. It is an example of what happens when talented educators extend their learning in order to support our children. This will benefit our students in moving forward in our career exploration program," said Bruce Nieminski, principal at Blue Horizons.

The CS100 “All In” awards the top computer science elementary schools in America that commit to teaching at least 10 hours of computer science to every K-5 student in the 2023-2024 school year. CS “All In” Schools have aligned instruction to meet all state or district standards for computer science. Blue Horizons Elementary School is committed to providing 100 percent of their K-5 students with education in computer science for the 2023-24 school year.



“Building foundational computer science skills for 100 percent of K-5 students is a major achievement,” said LESD25 Interim Superintendent Dr. Cort Monroe. “Computer science plays an important role in Blue Horizon’s signature program - career exploration. With our world being so heavily reliant on computers, it’s imperative to educate our students to be well-versed in computer science. This speaks to the commitment of our outstanding staff and teachers.”

The award was presented to three other schools in Arizona, placing Blue Horizons among high-performing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) schools and gifted academies in the nation.

"Our school community places great value on providing a high-quality education that inspires and aids our students’ understanding today,” said Alyssa Shelly, Blue Horizon’s coding teacher. “As a school, we are also looking forward to the future that students will forge upon the foundations created at BHES. Much of that future will be technological. Our world is digital. Therefore, classrooms must adapt to be computer science based to ensure students are ready to enter the workforce and continue their education,” Shelly said.

### **About LESD25**

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating

more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at [liberty25.org](http://liberty25.org).

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