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# About Us

## Mission

The mission of UTeach Columbus is to recruit and prepare highly qualified mathematics, science, and computer science teachers who demonstrate excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professionalism. Ultimately, the result of efforts to achieve excellence will be improved student learning in P-12 math, science, and computer science classrooms.

## Partnerships

School partners play an important role in the preparation of teachers. P-12 classrooms provide real-world settings where teacher candidates can apply their knowledge and skills to help students learn math, science and computer science. Columbus State University partners with schools in Muscogee County and Harris County. These school systems provide enriching and diverse settings for UTeach Columbus field experiences.

## STEM Education Advisory Council

The STEM Education Advisory Council oversees program activities, establishes program policies, assesses progress in meeting goals, sets priorities and assigns tasks.

## About Teaching

There is a critical shortage of STEM teachers -those qualified to teach science, technology, engineering and math-related courses — in Georgia and across the nation. Georgia colleges and universities aren't preparing enough STEM teachers to meet the needs of the state's middle and high schools.

### **Muscogee County School District:**

In the 2023-2024 school year, the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and 0-3 years of experience in Muscogee County was \$45,705.