Youth Code Jam Grant

What you'll need to be successful:

1 Support from the school administration and teachers.

2 Access to a copy machine to make copies of provided station activities.

3 Access to craft supplies including scissors, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and tape.

4 Attend the two training webinars and reach out to Youth Code Jam for additional support.

5 Commit to the free, family and community engagement model of coding exploration.

6 Commit to inviting everyone from the school/neighborhood to attend and intentionally reaching out to girls, students of color, and neurodiverse students.

7 Commit to flexibility—allowing students to explore in a self-directed way.

8 Have access to a large space that you can divide out into "pods" or "stations" OR a combination of large and small spaces.

9 Have access to wifi and devices (laptop, Chromebooks, iPad, etc.) for students who do not have their own. (Note: The Youth Code Jam can even be done without devices.)

10 Recruit enough adult, student, or college volunteers (at least 1 volunteer for every 5 to 10 students). Consider volunteers who come from technology industries in your community.

Event Results:

1 Kids and parents have fun, elbow-to-elbow learning together.

2 Volunteers are engaged and school stakeholders desire to host the event again.

3 Survey data shows an improvement in student/family confidence and interest.