

# Girls Go CyberStart, A Fun and Free Extracurricular Online program to Introduce High School Girls to Cybersecurity

There is a huge shortage of cybersecurity experts in the United States. To bridge this gap, Girls Go CyberStart's mission is to give high school girls the chance to discover their aptitude for computer science and cybersecurity through an interactive national online program full of digital challenges.

Girls Go CyberStart is designed for girls enrolled in grades 9 through 12 to educate and inspire them to discover the opportunities and rewards offered by a career in cybersecurity and teams can earn an opportunity to win cash for their schools.

#### The Program has three progressive phases:

### cyberstart assess

A set of fun, interactive challenges that represent realistic scenarios and threats. Students who solve five or more challenges will qualify for CyberStart Game.

Prize: For every girl who qualifies for CyberStart Game, their Club will receive one entry into a prize draw for a chance to win \$1,000. At the end of CyberStart Assess three lucky schools will be awarded \$1,000!

## cyberstart game

Students play as 'Cyber Agents', solving digital crimes and dissecting a cyber criminal's digital trail. Top scoring Clubs in CyberStart Game will qualify for CyberStart Compete.

## cyberstart compete

National Championship for Girls Go CyberStart

Qualifying teams compete against schools nationally in an online 'Capture the Flag' for National and State titles, along with prizes and recognition from their State's Governor.

We're looking for teachers or adult Advisors to register their schools. No prior experience is required to become an Advisor and the process to sign up takes less than 60 seconds to complete.

What are you waiting for? If you're a teacher or adult, even with no experience, you are eligible to become an Advisor. Help your students discover an exciting new career path. Sign up your Girls Go CyberStart school team today!

### www.girlsgocyberstart.org

Notify the California Department of Technology that you registered and to get updates by e-mailing your contact information to OPD@state.ca.gov

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