



To the Administrator Addressed

DATE:	February 28, 2019
SUBJECT:	High School Girls Go CyberStart Initiative
CATEGORY:	Cybersecurity Continued Education and Scholarship Opportunity
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate high school staff

Governor Greg Abbott has [announced](#) that Texas is partnering again with the SANS Institute in the Girls Go CyberStart Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative is designed to encourage young women to become involved in the field of cybersecurity.

The partnership focuses on recruiting female high school students in Texas to compete in the Girls Go CyberStart challenge for prizes and the opportunity for all students in their high school to play CyberStart, an online game for students to discover their talents in cybersecurity and learn more about computer security training.

A new companion program introduced this year, Cyber FastTrack, will allow both male and female college-level students to participate in a separate competition.

Students who excel in both the CyberStart Game and CyberStart Essentials (an online course that extends the learning of CyberStart Game) will be eligible to win \$2.5 million in scholarships