

DISCLAIMER: Hack Club is far from your typical depiction of a clandestine hacker group. In fact, it's quite the opposite—it's a beacon of positivity and learning in the tech community. This global nonprofit organization fosters a supportive environment for high schoolers and middle schoolers to explore coding, creativity, and entrepreneurship. Through its network of student-led coding clubs, Hack Club empowers young minds to channel their curiosity into productive endeavors, whether it's building apps, websites, or diving into hardware projects. With an emphasis on ethical hacking and responsible technology use, Hack Club cultivates a generation of tech enthusiasts who harness their skills for good. By promoting collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity, Hack Club proves that hacking isn't inherently malicious—it's a tool for innovation and positive change.

You may be unfamiliar with Hack Club, the international network of clubs we are a member of. To learn more about Hack Club, visit the <u>Hack Club website</u> to discover how Hack Club empowers students to discover the joy of coding through building projects.

However, I hope this proposal finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of a group of students who are passionate about technology and innovation. We are eager to introduce a new initiative to our school community that we believe will not only enhance our educational experience but also foster a culture of creativity and problem-solving among students.

We are proposing the establishment of a <u>HackClub</u>[™] at Cullman Middle School. <u>HackClub</u>[™] is a global nonprofit that is 100% transparent, including balances, expenses, payroll, donors, and everything else. It is also a network of student-led coding clubs, dedicated to empowering young people to become creators with technology. Through weekly meetings, workshops, and projects, students have the opportunity to learn coding, collaborate on projects, and develop valuable skills that are increasingly essential in today's digital age.

Here are some key components of our proposal:

Weekly Meetings: We aim to hold weekly meetings where students can come together to learn new coding languages, work on projects, and share ideas. These meetings will be facilitated by me and a teacher sponsor of your choice, I recommend choosing Johnathan Haynes however I have not personally reached out to him about hackclub as he hasn't been here most of the week (as a sponsor.

Workshops and Tutorials: We plan to organize workshops and tutorials on various topics such as web development, app development, game design, cybersecurity, and more. These sessions will cater to students of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced coders.

Project-Based Learning: <u>HackClub</u>[™] emphasizes hands-on, project-based learning. Students will have the opportunity to work on coding projects individually or in teams, allowing them to apply their skills in practical and creative ways.

Community Engagement: We envision our club as a vibrant community where students can connect, collaborate, and support each other in their coding journey. We also hope to engage with the broader school community by organizing events, hackathons, and outreach activities.

Inclusivity and Accessibility: <u>HackClub</u>[™] is open to all students, regardless of their prior experience or background in coding. We are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

What we need from the school: For the students to have access to the clubs resources we recommend you whitelist:

*.hackclub.com
The main website where we provide code editing environments and workshops
github.com
The industry standard site for sharing code and information publicly.
replit.com
An online code development environment
More information on whitelisting replit can be found here.

These sites are used in thousands of schools globally by millions of students. Restricting access to them severely limits students' abilities to learn about technology and how to program.

What I request I am able to do: I request that I am able to put up posters across the school about HackClub's <u>Sprig Grant</u> And <u>Onboard Grant</u> For Teenagers Provided By <u>HackClub™</u> as well as be able to Put up club posters

We believe that introducing <u>HackClub™</u> at Cullman Middle School would not only enrich the educational experience of our students but also aligns with the school's commitment to fostering innovation and 21st-century skills.

We kindly request your support in approving and endorsing the establishment of <u>HackClub™</u> at Cullman Middle School. I am more than willing to meet with you to discuss this proposal in further detail and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We are excited about the possibility of bringing <u>HackClub™</u> to Cullman Middle School and contributing to the growth and development of our school community.