

stop talking

START CODING.

As a parent of 3rd and 4th grade boys, and even as an instructional technology specialist, the word "coding" freaked me out. I am clearly not a Millennial nor from Generation Z.

*I knew coding was happening in neighboring districts around me and I often saw articles land in my inbox as a hot topic of publication, but getting started seemed dreadful. I was finally prompted by the Hour of Code movement. I dug in, rolled up my sleeves and started exploring the Hour of Code website created by Code.org. What I soon realized was that it was **incredibly EASY**.*

Thanks to code.org and their dedicated philanthropists who have made computer science available to all students of all genders, races, and socio-economic status. How is this so easy? They have created the computer science gateway drug. Coding.

Do you find yourself addicted to Candy Crush and Minecraft? And how easy was it to get started using just a simple personal device? Well, code.org has created a platform so easy to use that teachers do not have to plan or even know anything about coding to begin. Simply play the video and let the kids begin. It literally is that easy to get started.

What I immediately discovered was the more I played, the more I wanted to know, and the more I wanted to know the more that I needed to know, and the more I needed to know the more I learned. My personal growth and learning became addicting [and still is]. Stop talking and start coding!