

# **Tech Trailblazers**

**Tech Trailblazers** is a new afterschool technology education program. It's for students in grades 6 through 9 who want to learn more about computers and explore careers in technology, but don't have access to a computer of their own. Class is held at Kramden Institute at 4915 Prospectus Drive, Suite J, in Durham near RTP. **This program is FREE.** See below for eligibility requirements.



**Starts March 2!** Meets for five weeks on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. In the last class (April 13) students build their own computer to take home.

**Applications are due by February 19.** *Deadline extended!* Apply at [www.kramden.org/classes](http://www.kramden.org/classes).

**What students will learn:** Each week students will have both classroom and hands-on training:



**Week 1: Hardware** – What are the parts inside a computer? How do they work?  
*Hands-on:* Take apart a computer and see how it works. Recycle old computers.



**Week 2: Connections** – How do parts and peripherals work together?  
*Hands-on:* Assemble parts and repair a computer.



**Week 3: Software** – What's an operating system? How do programs work?  
*Hands-on:* Install a Linux operating system and test programs.



**Week 4: Networking and the Internet** – How do computers communicate?  
*Hands-on:* Test wired and Wifi Internet connections and other hardware.



**Week 5: Build a computer to take home!**  
*Hands-on:* Students build their own desktop computer using everything they've learned!

**Program eligibility:** Students are eligible to apply if they do not have convenient and consistent access to a working home computer and are interested in learning more about technology. At the end of the program, students will receive a refurbished desktop computer with the UberMix operating system.

**Apply today! Space is very limited.**

Apply online [www.kramden.org/classes](http://www.kramden.org/classes) or call 919-293-1133.



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Apply online at [www.kramden.org/classes](http://www.kramden.org/classes) or complete this application form.

**Contact Information** (please print clearly and fill out completely)

Student Name: (first and last)		Parent/Guardian Name: (first and last)	
School Name:	Grade: (6-9 <sup>th</sup> )	Home Phone Number:	
Home Street Address:	City:	Zip Code:	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:			

**Session: March – April.** Includes 5 classes on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Class dates are Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 23, Apr. 6, and Apr. 13.

**Eligibility**

Does the student's family have a computer at home?	Yes	No
Does the student have consistent access to a computer?	Yes	No
Is it convenient for the student to use a computer when they need it?	Yes	No

**Waiver, Emergency Info, and Authorized Adults for Pick Up**

Known food allergies, special needs, and medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation to and from the program is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Students must be picked up by an authorized adult. List authorized adults (including parents): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your Application by February 19. Deadline extended! Space is very limited.**

**Mail to** Kramden Institute, Attn: Marshall Burkes, 4915 Prospectus Drive Suite J, Durham NC 27713

**Drop off** at our office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays, or Wednesdays between 9 am and 8:30 pm

**Email to** [classes@kramden.org](mailto:classes@kramden.org)

**Fax to** 919-293-1239