



Interest-driven computer science education?

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the resources
and submit
questions

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What's the plan?

- Who am I?
- Why is interest-driven learning important?
- A continuum of interest-driven learning
- Facilitating interest-driven learning
- Planning for interest-driven learning
- Exploring resources for learning more
- Responding to submitted questions

Who am I?



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Why is interest-driven learning important?

How do we differentiate for students who...

- ...are already pursuing a career path outside of CS?
- ...are required to attend and aren't interested in CS?
- ...have a wide range of CS experience?
- ...have varying access to devices/internet at home?
- ...have various accessibility needs/accommodations?
- ...have variegated identities and interests?
- ...want to impact the world in ways we haven't considered?

A continuum of interest-driven learning



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This term in art, we have been practicing colour shading and blending through studying the inspirational imaginings of rainforests by the French artist Henri Rousseau.

Henri Rousseau



Evelyn



Daniel



A3



Eva



Rebus



Lawrence

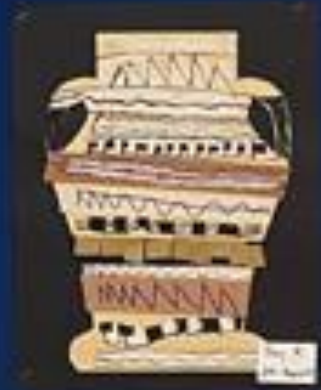


Reuben



Aimee

2nd Grade





Facilitating interest-driven learning

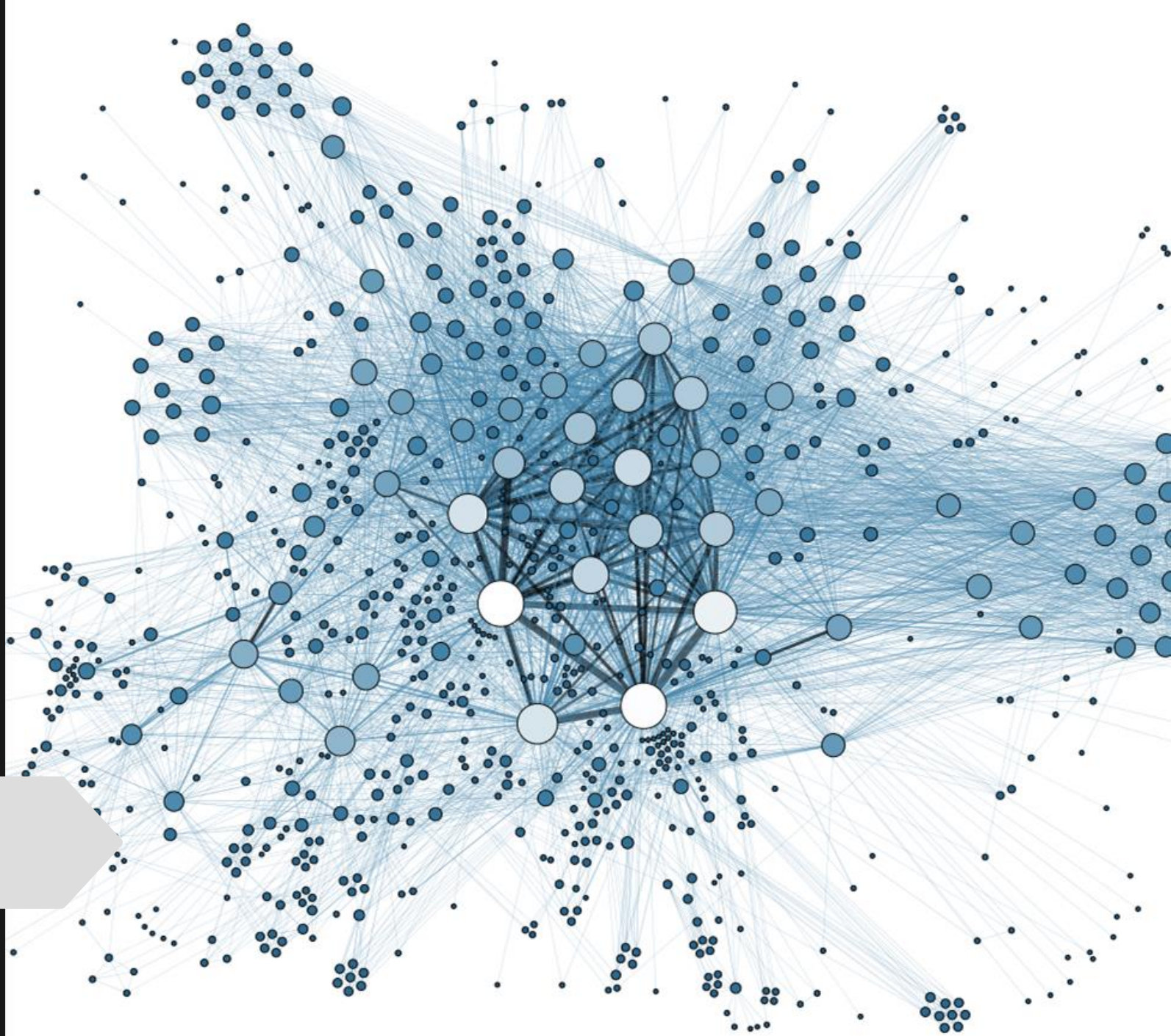
Sequential design

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Rhizomatic design



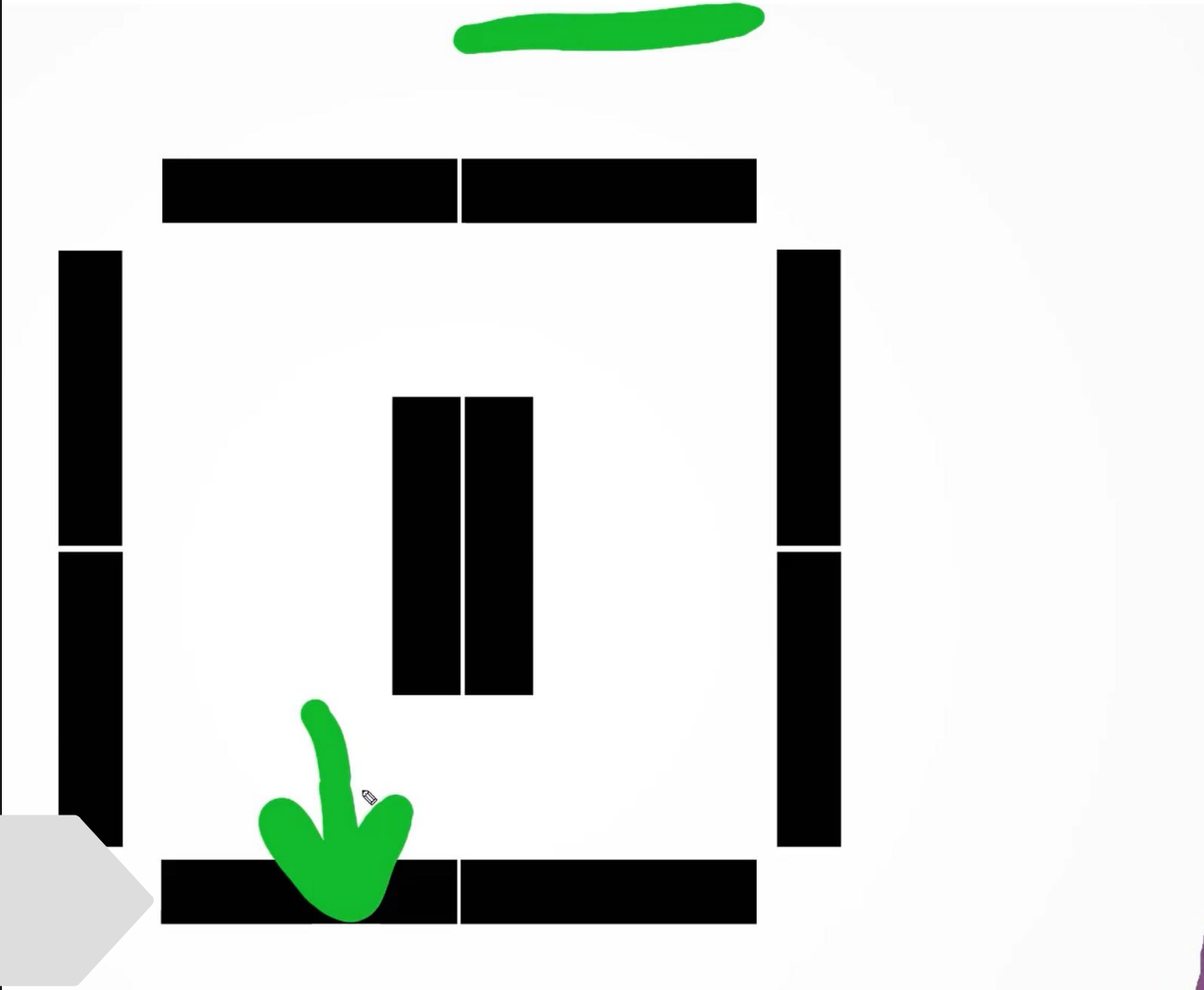
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Affinity Space characteristics

- 1 - Affinity spaces share a common endeavor
 - 2 - Affinity spaces are not segregated by age
 - 3 - Affinity spaces are not segregated by experience
 - 4 - Affinity spaces encourage, but do not require, active participation
 - 5 - Interaction transforms content within an affinity space
 - 6 - Affinity spaces encourage both intensive + extensive knowledge
 - 7 - Affinity spaces encourage individual + distributed knowledge
 - 8 - Affinity spaces encourage dispersed knowledge
 - 9 - Affinity spaces encourage and honor tacit knowledge
 - 10 - Affinity spaces encourage a multitude of engagement
 - 11 - Affinity spaces have multiple routes to status
 - 12 - Leadership is porous and leaders are resources
- [Affinity spaces podcast episode](#)
 - [Affinity spaces chapter](#)

Room setups



Free lesson plans for interest-driven learning

Project Work (85+ minutes; 3+ classes)

Suggested sequence

4. Create levels (25+ minutes, or an entire class)

5+ minute demonstration

Click on the stage icon and open the Backdrops tab. Pick a starting location for our sprite, then demonstrate how to use various drawing tools to create a maze with one color. Think out loud how you want to make sure there is enough room for a sprite to move through the maze without touching a wall. Draw a “goal” by choosing a new color and drawing with it at the end of the first level (e.g., a square). Ask coders why all of our walls are one color and our goal is a different color. They may realize this makes it easier for users to figure out what the goal is in their level, and it will make it easier to code by allowing us to determine if our sprite touches a wall or a goal. Quickly demonstrate one more level, but point out you want to have the sprite start in the same location, so don’t put a wall over the starting location.

20+ minutes to create custom levels and 1-on-1 facilitating

Give coders time to create at least three levels using the image editor tools. Encourage peer-to-peer assistance and facilitate 1-on-1 as needed. If coders finish their three levels early, encourage them to add even more, assist others, or walk around and share ideas by looking at other coders’ levels.

Resources, suggestions, and connections

▶ Practices reinforced:

Video: [Create levels](#) (4:38)

Quick Reference Guide: [Click here](#)

Video: [Image editor: Bitmap mode](#) (5:15)

Video: [Image editor: Vector mode](#) (5:00)

Facilitation tip: If you’re not comfortable figuring out how to take into account several wall or goal colors, remember that for this project they need one color for their walls and one for their goal. If it’s not the same across every level, it will be coding a little more difficult (but, certainly possible). We could encourage coders to keep the same starting location for each level for the same reasons as above. We could have different starting locations for each level, but that makes it a bit more complicated.

Suggested questions:

- Where will your sprite’s starting location be? (You could encourage the same location for each level)
- Where else might you put your goal?
- Will you make the levels get progressively harder?
- What other shapes could you use to change how your levels look?

A note on using the “Coder Resources” with your class

Young coders may need a demonstration (and several friendly reminders) for how to navigate a browser. The reason why is because kids will have at least three tabs open while working on a project: 1) a tab for the Coder Resources walkthrough, and 3) a video/visual walkthrough for each step in the Coder Resources document. Demonstrate how to navigate between

Wind River Reservation lesson plans for culturally- relevant learning

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Complete List of Wyoming RPP Resources

[Watch this video for an overview of the resources below](#)


Unit 1 Resources	
Lesson Plans (Teacher-facing resources)	Coder Resources (Student-facing resources)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Interactive collage2. Animated name/word3. Historical timeline remix4. Introducing a historical figure5. Virtual museum6. Interactive digital artifact7. Animated card (synthesis project)8. Historical story (synthesis project)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Interactive collage2. Animated name/word3. Historical timeline remix4. Introducing a historical figure5. Virtual museum6. Interactive digital artifact7. Animated card8. Historical story
Supplemental Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment Resources• Resources to Learn More About Native Americans• Resources to Learn More About Curriculum Integration• Studio with all of the project examples	

Student walkthroughs for rhizomatic learning

1. [Sign in and create a new project](#)
2. Create Levels
3. Create player controls

What is X and Y?

1. Like in math, X determines left and right, and Y determine up and down
2. -X moves to the left
3. +X moves to the right
4. -Y moves down
5. +Y moves up



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Create a restart function

Detect the walls

Create a goooooaaaaa!!!!!!!

7. Have some friends play test your game and give you feedback

a. Make some adjustments based on the feedback

▶ 8. Add in comments

YOUNG CODERS CAMP

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Young coders will dive into coding concepts, like algorithms, variables, and controls, through block-based coding platforms - Scratch and Scratch Jr.

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Code with us
July 5-9
Starting at
9:30 AM

Heather Cunningham

To register visit www.computerscience.mn

An approach I recently used

Friendly reminder to submit
questions/comments

Planning for interest-driven learning

A resource for administrators

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OUTLINE

Instructional Plans

Student Work

Assessment

Expectations

Managing Student Behavior

Environment

Respectful Culture

Standards and Objectives

Motivating Students

Presenting Instructional Content

Lesson Structure and Pacing

Activities and Materials

Questioning

Academic Feedback

Grouping Students

Teacher Content Knowledge

Teacher Knowledge of Students

Problem Solving

Designing and Planning Instruction	Exemplary (5)	Proficient (3)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Instructional Plans Original	<p>Instructional plans include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> measurable and explicit goals aligned to state content standards; activities, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are aligned to state standards. are sequenced from basic to complex. build on prior student knowledge, are relevant to students' lives, and integrate other disciplines. provide appropriate time for student work, student reflection, and lesson and unit closure; evidence that plan is appropriate for the age, knowledge, and interests of all learners and; evidence that the plan provides regular opportunities to accommodate individual student needs. 	<p>Instructional plans include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> goals aligned to state content standards; activities, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are aligned to state standards are sequenced from basic to complex build on prior student knowledge provide appropriate time for student work, and lesson and unit closure evidence that plan is appropriate for the age, knowledge, and interests of most learners and; evidence that the plan provides some opportunities to accommodate individual student need 	<p>Instructional plans include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> few goals aligned to state content standards; activities, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are rarely aligned to state standards. are rarely sequenced from basic to complex rarely build on prior student knowledge. inconsistent with other student work closure; little evidence that plan is appropriate for the age, knowledge, or interests of most learners and; little evidence that the plan provides some opportunities to accommodate individual student needs.

Instructional Plans Crosswalk	<p>Instructional plans or projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> measurable goals aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum activities, puzzles, projects, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum. are logically sequenced from basic to complex. build on prior student knowledge, are relevant to students' lives, and integrate other disciplines. provide appropriate time for student work, student reflection, and puzzle/project discussion; evidence that puzzles/projects are appropriate for the age, knowledge, or interests of the learners and; evidence that puzzles/projects provide regular opportunities to accommodate individual student needs. 	<p>Instructional plans or projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> goals aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum activities, puzzles, projects, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum. are logically sequenced from basic to complex build on prior student knowledge provide appropriate time for student work, and puzzle/project discussion evidence that puzzles/projects are appropriate for the age, knowledge, or interests of the learners and; evidence that puzzles/projects provides some opportunities to accommodate individual student needs 	<p>Instructional plans or projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> few goals aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum activities, puzzles, projects, materials, and assessments that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> are rarely aligned to the governing board adopted coding curriculum. are rarely logically sequenced from basic to complex rarely build on prior student knowledge. inconsistent with other student work discussion; little evidence that puzzles/projects are appropriate for the age, knowledge, or interests of the learners and; little evidence that puzzles/projects provides some opportunities to accommodate individual student needs
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Crosswalk explanation

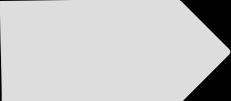
How might instructional plans differ?
 Instructional plans may include very little large group direct instruction. Instead, plans might include an opening sequence or directive, a sequence of activities, and time for working on a multitude of individual or group puzzles/projects, and a closure that allows for reflecting and sharing learning, debugging, inquiries, or unresolved debugging challenges. Instructional plans might also include projects that last for one or more lessons, or even the completion of several projects designed by the teacher or other students in the district. Rather than a pre sequenced lesson that explains how a project might be explored rhizomatically by embedding direct instruction into the project itself or through supplemental resources that assist with debugging, elaborating on concepts. This is possible because coding projects can include comments within the blocks or text that explains how a particular program works, as well as use questions to ask how else the student could change the coding (e.g., [a project Jared designed](#)). Or, instructional plans might include using a sequenced, self-paced coding platform where the role of the teacher is to facilitate by providing additional resources or guiding questioning techniques.

	<p>Assignments require students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> organize, interpret, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information rather than reproduce it; 	<p>Assignments require students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> interpret information rather than reproduce it draw conclusions and support them through writing and; 	<p>Assignments require students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> mostly reproduce information rarely draw conclusions through writing and;
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Types of integration

- Crossdisciplinary
- Interdisciplinary
- Interdiscipline
- Integrated
- Metadisciplinary
- Multidisciplinary
- Pluridisciplinary
- Transdisciplinary



Types of integration relationships

- Affective integration
- Co-equal integration
- Social integration
- Subservient integration



Images of curriculum

- Curriculum as content or subject matter
- Curriculum as a program of planned activities
- Curriculum as intended learning outcomes
- Curriculum as cultural reproduction
- Curriculum as experience
- Curriculum as discrete tasks and concepts
- Curriculum as an agenda for social reconstruction
- Curriculum as currere



Curricular venues

- Intended curriculum
- Taught curriculum
- Experienced curriculum
- Hidden curriculum
- Tested curriculum
- Null curriculum



Some
podcasts on
integration

Integration miniseries (*I'd listen in the following order*)

1. [The Subservient, Co-equal, Affective, and Social Integration Styles and Their Implications for \[Computer Science\]](#)
2. [Images of Curriculum](#)
3. [Contemporary Venues of Curriculum Inquiry](#)

Music integration episodes

- [Intersections of Popular Musicianship and Computer Science Practices](#)
- [Reconceptualizing “Music Making:” Music Technology and Freedom in the Age of Neoliberalism](#)



Whose interests are being served and why?



What this
might look like

Technology Classes at Desert Thunder

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Arizona State University
Avondale Elementary School District

Final friendly reminder to
submit questions/comments

Exploring resources for learning more

How to reach the resources

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