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Code Next Application FAQs

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2025-2026 applications will open Summer 2025.
[Sign-up for our newsletter](#) to get updates in the meantime.

Hello! You've decided to apply for Code Next. We're excited that you're interested in our program! Here are a few things you might want to know before you apply. If you have any further questions, please reach out to codenext@google.com.

We have two available programs, each with their own separate application:

1. **Code Next Labs**, our program that takes place in live labs **for students that live in**
 - 1) Oakland, California
 - 2) Inglewood, California
 - 3) New York City, New York and
 - 4) Detroit, Michigan.
2. **Code Next Affiliate**, an opportunity for organizations — from schools to nonprofits to higher education institutions — to bring the Code Next experience to their students, where we provide partners with free training, funding, resources, and more.

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CODE NEXT LABS

The Basics

What is Code Next, and Code Next Labs?

Code Next is a free, computer science education program that meets Black, Latinx and Indigenous students in their own communities and provides the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields.

Code Next Labs are physical labs where students come in person to learn about all things computer science-related. See more at g.co/codenext.

Are Code Next Labs online or in-person?

Code Next Labs are in person. We have several physical labs—one in Oakland, California, one in Inglewood, California, one in New York City (Chelsea), and one in Detroit, Michigan. We may open up more labs in the future across the country.

Where are the Code Next Live Labs?

Our live labs are located in 1) Oakland, California, 2) New York City, New York, 3) Detroit, Michigan and 4) Inglewood, California in Los Angeles. See the exact addresses below:

Code Next NYC:

316 W 16th Street
Manhattan, NY 10011

Code Next OAK (in the Fruitvale Village):

3301 E 12th Street
Suite 151
Oakland, CA 94601

Code Next DET:

2001 15th Street
Detroit, MI 48216

Code Next ING (coming in fall 2024):

1233 S District Drive, Suite 110
Inglewood, CA 90303

Do you have to be fully vaccinated to enter a Code Next Live Lab?

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No, as of April 11, 2023, Google has lifted the vaccination mandates and covid-19 vaccines are not required to enter our Code Next Labs.

What if I live in a city where there isn't a Code Next lab?

We may plan on opening more labs in the future in different cities across the country. Or, you can see if there is an Affiliate program in your city! Check out g.co/codenext/affiliate for more information.

To get updates on when/where those physical labs will open, sign up for our Code Next newsletter at <https://codenext.withgoogle.com/#sign-up>.

How much does it cost to participate?

Code Next is free for all participants.

What do I receive if I get accepted?

A lot!

- Access to the Code Next Lab during operating hours which includes a micro-kitchen of snacks, 3-D printers, a state of the art laser cutter, and a ton of other cool tech equipment. We also offer free meals during program days.
- Program offerings learning things like game design, coding, and working with hardware—all taught by real Googlers.
- Google and Code Next swag
- Your own Code Next email address
- The chance to get to know other students in the area also interested in technology and coding
- Mentorship and advising—developing relationships that will last into the future!
- Opportunity to present your work to the broader Google community at our Demo Days
- A feature on the Code Next Students page ([as shown here](#))
- Early access to new Code Next curriculum

Who teaches in Code Next Live?

Real Googlers! That's right--you get to meet real Googlers and learn from them.

Eligibility Criteria

How does this work? Do I apply for individual programs?

By choosing to apply through this application, you are applying **to be a member of the Code Next program**. You must be accepted through this application.

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If you are accepted, you will have access to several courses and activities that we offer as a Code Next member. We organize them into two groups: “exposure-based” (basic introductions to computer science) and “immersion-based” (deeper, more practice-based coding). *As a member, you are eligible to enroll in any and all exposure-based programs, but will have to apply separately for our immersion-based programs.*

- Exposure-based programs (all open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders):
 - **Clubs** are seasonal programs that focus on one of three critical skills in computer science, engineering, or leadership. Clubs happen for approximately three months each—during the fall, winter, and spring. Club topics in the past have ranged from game design to robotics to wearable tech.
 - **Workshops** are one-day experiences that include exposure to computational thinking, making, design, and the misconceptions around computer science and the tech industry.
 - **College and Career Readiness** is a one-year college prep course, strongly recommended for juniors, that prepares students to apply for college.
- Immersion-based programs:
 - **Team Edge** (for any grade level) is a one-year program that focuses on building critical skills in computer science & leadership, and includes 1:1 mentoring, computer science summer institute, college readiness & career exploration.
 - **Launch** (for rising 11th and 12th graders) is a summer program on product development, entrepreneurship, and branding. By the end of the summer, students will have created and launched their own product or web app.

Can any student apply? Who is eligible for what programming?

Any student in 9th through 12th grade that is at least 13 years of age can apply. Because this is a live, in-person program, you should live close to the lab you apply to. We will accept applications from everyone, and strongly encourage Black, Latinx, and Indigenous students to apply.

Our application for our live labs will open Summer 2025 at g.co/codenext/labapp.

Do students need prior coding experience?

No! You can apply and become a member without any coding experience!

Application-Specific Questions

Do I just fill out an application, and that's it?

We have a two-step application process.

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Phase 1: Submit an Online Application	Phase 2: Attend an in-person Design Challenge	Acceptance Into Code Next Live!
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First, you apply online, known as “Phase One”. If you are selected for “Phase Two”, you will be emailed inviting you to partake in a live, in-person design challenge. *You must do the design challenge to continue your application to get into Code Next.*

Once you have completed a design challenge, we will email you letting you know whether you’ve been accepted into the Code Next program.

What are the deadlines on submitting?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Make sure to apply before the application closing date!

- The 2025-2026 applications will open Summer 2025.

All required sections of the application must be completed and submitted to be considered for membership.

What if I cannot attend the Design Challenge but would like to stay in the admissions process?

If you cannot attend the Design Challenge dates, but would like to stay in the process, you can submit a request to defer your application to a later timeline. Remember, attending the Design Challenge is required for all applicants.

What if I want to make changes to my online application?

Your work on each page can be saved and viewed later while in progress if you need to come back to it. Once your application is submitted, if you would like for your application or responses to be deleted, you can submit a written request to codenext@google.com.

How long does it take to complete an application?

Most applications will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.

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CODE NEXT AFFILIATE

The Basics

What is Code Next Affiliate?

Prospective partners across the United States and Canada who serve students and have spaces outside of our lab cities are eligible to become a Code Next Affiliate. Code Next trains Affiliates to deliver various club experiences that high school students can participate in. Club topics range from game design to hardware development.

Each year, Google welcomes up to eight new partners to join the Code Next Affiliate program, and supports the Partners with some funding, curriculum access, and training. Additionally, the organizations will engage in a community of practice as they work to run mini-Code Next affiliates. Code Next will provide consulting and training for Partners along the way.

Is Code Next Affiliate an online or in-person program?

Code Next Affiliates are in-person programs. See more under the “who is eligible to apply” question.

What does being an Affiliate entail?

Becoming a Code Next Affiliate is a three-year process, after which organizations “graduate” to become an independent Code Next Affiliate.

Time	Year 1: Full Pilot	Year 2: More Curriculum	Year 3: Graduation	Year 4 and Beyond
Expectations	You will run a Code Next coding club (two options: Intro to Web Development and Creating Coding with p5) with 12-18 high school students during three semesters of the year (winter, spring, summer).	You will run a Code Next coding club (of your choice, as you will receive access to more of our curriculum) with 12-18 high school students during three semesters of the year (winter, spring, summer).	You graduate, but continue to have access to our curriculum and community of practice.	You continue to have access to our curriculum and community of practice.

What do partners receive if they are accepted?

Partners receive several resources to help them stand up an Affiliate! That includes:

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- \$50,000 of funding over three years
- Swag for your students
- Professional development and training
- Survey/feedback sessions to identify what is/is not working
- Access to a Code Next community

Time	Year 1: Full Pilot	Year 2: More Curriculum	Year 3: Graduation	Year 4 and Beyond
	Up to \$30,000 in funding: -\$15,000 for technology/hotspots/other resources -\$15,000 for an instructor Swag for your students Professional development and training Survey/feedback sessions to identify what is/is not working Access to Code Next community of practice	Up to \$15,000 in funding Swag for your students Professional development and training Access to full suite of Code Next curriculum Survey/feedback sessions to identify what is/is not working Access to Code Next community of practice	Up to \$5,000 in funding Access to full suite of Code Next curriculum Access to Code Next community of practice	Up to \$5,000 in funding Access to full suite of Code Next curriculum Access to Code Next community of practice

What are the Club topics?

First year Affiliates get to choose between teaching Introduction to Web Development (focusing on HTML), and Creative Coding (focusing on Javascript). As you spend more time as an Affiliate, you receive access to additional curriculum offerings.

What is the annual schedule and time commitment?

As part of this program, you commit to the following phases:

Phase	Months	Time Commitment	Specifics
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Phase 1: Selection, Logistics and Organization	Early July - early October	5-7 hours	Applying Selection and paperwork (if selected)
Phase 2: Training	Late October - Early December	10-15 hours	Onboarding and training with Code Next staff Reviewing content and curriculum
Phase 3: Program	January - Late July	50 hours per semester (winter, spring, summer)	Actual class instruction and/or prepping (35 hours) Feedback sessions and feedback collection (10 hours) Biweekly syncs with affiliate cohort (5 hours)
Phase 4: Post-Pilot	Early August	5 hours	Post-mortem with Code Next team Reflections and recommendations for next year

Eligibility Criteria

Who is eligible to apply? What is required to apply?

The Affiliate program is open to any organization that supports high school students that represent the target demographic Code Next hopes to serve. That can include:

- Schools or districts
- Afterschool programs
- Higher education institutions
- Church groups
- Youth clubs and organizations

In order to apply to be an Affiliate, there are a few requirements:

1. You have a community of high school students, ideally reaching a large population of Black, Latinx and Indigenous students (or other underrepresented groups, such as first-generation students or ELLs).
2. You have access to a physical location that can accommodate the program.
3. You work with students who have not had access to consistent, adequate computer science education programming.

See the application process below to learn more about what you need to apply.

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Application-Specific Questions

What is the application process?

Every summer, Code Next opens up the applications to welcome a new cohort of up to eight Affiliates. In order to apply, similar to a Request for Proposal, you will be submitting responses to the following questions at g.co/codenext/affiliateapp.

Organization Description	What sort of organization is this? Why are you interested in being an Affiliate? (Up to 300 words)
Mission Alignment	How does your organization's mission align with that of Code Next? (Up to 300 words)
Implementation Plan	How do you plan to engage in the Code Next Affiliate Partner program over three years? (Up to 500 words)
Expertise	What kind of STEM/technical expertise do you have to support implementation? (Up to 500 words)
Student Community	How do you plan to create a space for students to engage with one another, where they can further their learning? (Up to 500 words)
Student Population	What are your student demographics? What would this opportunity do for your student body? (Up to 200 words)
Willingness to Engage in Community of Practice	How do you foresee contributing to the community of practice, which will include other affiliate partners? (Up to 300 words)
Leadership	Who will be responsible for running this program in your organization, how many people can dedicate time to support the program and how do they plan to do it? (Up to 300 words)
Funding Use	How will you use the funding we provide you with? Please provide a rough itemized budget.
Sustainability	How do you plan to ensure strong engagement in the Code Next Affiliate program for the long haul? How will you sustain the program once the three years of funding are up? (Up to 500 words)

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