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Code Next Application FAQs

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 Live**, our program that takes place in live labs **for students that live in**
    1) Oakland, California
    2) New York City, New York and
    3) Detroit, Michigan.
2. **Code Next Connect**, an online program **open to high school students living anywhere in the United States (outside of our live lab cities).**

For FAQs for **Code Next Live**, click here.
For FAQs for **Code Next Connect**, click here.

CODE NEXT LIVE

The Basics

What is Code Next, and Code Next Live?

Code Next is a free, computer science education program that meets Black, Latinx and Native 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.

"Live" means that it takes place in a physical lab. See more at g.co/codenext.

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

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Code Next Live is an **in-person program**. We have several physical labs—one in Oakland, California, one in New York City (Chelsea), and one in Detroit, Michigan. We plan on opening more labs in the future across the country.

Where are the Code Next Live Labs?

Our live labs are located in Oakland, California, New York City, New York and Detroit, Michigan. 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** (opening Oct 2022):
> 2001 15th Street
> Detroit, MI 48216

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

Yes, any person who enters a Code Next lab, including students and staff, must be fully vaccinated. People are considered fully vaccinated after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or, 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are not fully vaccinated.

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

We plan on opening more labs in the future in different cities across the country. Or, students can apply for Code Next Connect, our online program.

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.

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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.

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 in the vicinity of the lab you apply to. We will accept applications from everyone, but strongly encourage Black, Latinx, and Native students to apply.

Our application for our live labs will open on July 11, 2022 at g.co/codenext/apply, and close on August 5, 2022.

Do students need prior coding experience?

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.

Phase 1: Submit an Online Application	**Phase 2:** Attend an in-person Design Challenge	**Acceptance** Into Code Next Live!

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?

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

For the 2022-2023 program, we accept applications:
- Between July 11th and August 5th (to be considered for fall entry).

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 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.

CODE NEXT CONNECT

The Basics

What is Code Next Connect?

Code Next Connect is Code Next's 100% virtual option. This free program provides online computer science education programming for Black, Latinx, and Native students, providing the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields. See more at g.co/codenext.

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

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Code Next Connect is 100% online.

Who teaches in Code Next Connect?

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

How much does it cost to participate?

Code Next Connect is free for all participants.

Do I need to provide my own computer or computer device?

Yes, you need to provide your own computer or device. However, we provide a few things to help you out. See the next question.

What do I receive if I get accepted?

A lot!
- A $250 stipend
- A once-a-week club for eight months (October to June) learning things like game design, coding, and working with hardware—all taught by real Googlers from across the country.
- Google and Code Next swag
- Your own Code Next email address
- The chance to get to know ~25 other students from across the country, 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
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How long are Clubs?

October 3rd - December 9th, 2022	Fall Clubs (9 weeks)
January 23rd - March 24th, 2022	Winter Clubs (9 weeks)
April 17th - June 16th, 2022	Spring Clubs (9 weeks)

*We observe all national holidays and do not host programming on holidays.

What are the Club topics?

Right now, we plan on offering three clubs in the following categories:

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- <u>Coding</u>: Web development, app development, artificial intelligence, game design, automation... basically the stuff that makes the internet.
- <u>Making</u>: Physical computing, like working with robotics and hardware, meaning Raspberry Pis and other circuitry.
- <u>Design</u>: UX/Web design, graphic design, and other types of digital art.

Eligibility Criteria

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

At the moment, Code Next Connect has one experience available: **Clubs**, which are seasonal programs that focus on one of three critical skills in computer science, engineering, or leadership. Clubs topics in the past have ranged from game design to robotics to wearable tech.

Clubs happen for approximately three months each—during the fall, winter, and spring—and are open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. *However, we target mostly 9th and 10th graders.*

If you are accepted, you get access to one full year in the program, where you will take part in three different clubs during the fall, winter, and spring semesters. Following that, you will have access to all of Code Next's online resources, and be named an official Code Next alumnus.

How many Clubs are open each semester?

Students each take one of three clubs each semester.

Additionally, you will be matched to a club in one of these 3 time zones—Pacific, Central, or Eastern. If selected, you will be placed in a club with students with similar availability.

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Any student entering 9th through 12th grade that is at least 13 years of age can apply. *However, we target mostly 9th and 10th graders.* We will accept applications from everyone, *but strongly encourage Black, Latinx and Native students to apply.* Do not apply for Connect if you live within a Live Lab city (Oakland, CA, New York City, or Detroit, Michigan).

[Use this application](#) to apply for Code Next Connect.

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You can apply and become a member without coding experience.

Application-Specific Questions

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

The application is two parts.
1. First, you fill out an application.
2. Once you do that, you will receive a link to Google's Online Challenge. Google's Online Challenge is a fair, unbiased opportunity for you to engage in Google's developmental process. By participating in a timed online challenge, Google gains a better understanding of your knowledge while also providing you with insight into our developmental process.

Once you complete that, your application is complete! We will contact you if you get into the program.

What does Google's Online Challenge entail?

The Online Challenge contains a series of **logical reasoning** and **problem solving** questions in a multiple-choice format, with a **30-minute** time limit for completion that will help us gain a better understanding of your cognitive skills.

Look out for an email from Google's Online Challenge Team during the week of August 8th with all important details regarding the challenge. Kindly check all folders for the mail from: googleonlinechallenge@google.com and reach out to the team at googleonlinechallenge-ticket@google.com in case you aren't able to find it by the day of the challenge.

When will I have to participate in the Online Challenge?

Google's Online Challenge will go live after the applications are closed and will run from **August 12th-13th**. There will be a 36 hour window to complete the online challenge and you can participate anytime within the period indicated.

Is the Online Challenge Mandatory? What happens if I miss it?

The Online Challenge is a critical step in your Code Next application if you pass Phase 1. We strongly urge you to participate in the challenge so that we can review your skill level and place you with the most relevant team of students.

What are the deadlines on submitting?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but members will only be accepted one time throughout the year. Make sure to apply for the application closing date!
- For the 2022-2023 program, applications open on July 11, 2022 are set to close on August 5, 2022.

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How long does it take to complete an application?

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