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What?
Code Next's Connect program is a **free** online computer science education program for Black and Latinx students, providing the skills and inspiration they need for long and rewarding careers in tech and computer science-related fields.

How much does it cost to participate?	*Do students need prior coding experience?*	*Who should I share this information with?*
Code Next Connect is free for all participants!	No coding experience required!	Black and Latinx high school students

Eligible students must:
- Be currently enrolled in high school; we strongly recommend that 9th or 10th grade students apply
- Demonstrate an interest in computer science
- Participate in a Code Next Connect online club between January 25th-March 29th and April 12th-June 7th

When do applications open ?
Applications open Dec. 7. The deadline to apply is Dec. 14. Students can use this application to apply to Code Next Connect. Application FAQs are available at g.co/codenext/applicationFAQs.

What do students get if accepted into the program?
- A $250 stipend
- A once-a-week club for five months (January 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 at least 15 other students from across the country, also interested in 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 (on g.co/codenext)
- Early access to new Code Next curriculum launching in late 2021

What are the Club topics?
Right now, we offer four clubs:
- Coding: Web development, app development, artificial intelligence, automation… basically the stuff that makes the internet.
- Graphic Arts: UX/Web design, 3D design, and other types of digital art.
- Game Design: Designing video games, working with game design products.
- Robotics and/or Hardware: Working with Raspberry Pis and other circuitry.

Can I forward this opportunity?
Absolutely! We want as many CS enthusiasts as possible to apply across time zones and communities! Our goal is to get students excited about computer science; especially those who have historically been excluded from CS education opportunities.

Diversity Statement: Any student in 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 and Latinx students to apply. At Google, we believe a diversity of attributes, experiences, and perspectives are needed to build tools that can change the world. Everyone deserves the opportunity to pursue a career in technology, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, disability, or military service.

If you are interested in learning more about our program and applying for Code Next Connect, visit our website at g.co/CodeNext and join our mailing list.