



Program Pillars

The Center for a New Generation (CNG) is a comprehensive education initiative that targets lower-income youth with middle to high academic potential (STRIVERS) to help them achieve educational success and develop a lifelong love of learning. CNG was developed specifically for afterschool and summer settings to engage youth in a hands-on, project-oriented instructional environment by combining informal but focused academic and arts enrichment activities for holistic learning.

CNG encourages children to broaden their learning experience by exploring STREAM:

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Enhanced Reading
- Visual and performing Arts

CNG builds well-rounded students, nurtures their learning, and positions these youth for success in high school, college, and beyond.

The CNG Program Pillars are defined as:

- The local Club organization partners with the local school districts by setting up CNG programs at school sites.
- CNG serves “Strivers”—students with average or above performance in their regular classroom or aspiring to do well in school.
 - CNG solicits students exhibiting good behavior/citizenship in their regular classroom and in CNG.
 - CNG requests regular classroom teachers to recommend their students who will best benefit from CNG programming.
 - CNG attracts motivated students who want to be in CNG and will attend at least 3 days per week (M-Th).
- CNG commits to holding special BGC classes & activities on Fridays to fulfill the other goals and commitments of the BGC students .
- CNG encourages students to make the commitment to remain in CNG through the 8th grade and enroll in another support program in high school such as Diplomas to Degrees/College Bound.
- CNG provides a low student/teacher ratio in CNG classrooms (no more than 12-15:1).
- CNG maintains a positive nurturing classroom environment and teacher/student relationships.
- CNG recruits and keeps strong, creative credentialed teachers/professional staff in the CNG classroom or as master teachers.

- Through its partnership with a local college or university, CNG recruits strong, active college students or youthful, positive inspiring adults as teacher assistants/mentors and role models.
- CNG provides fun, rigorous, hands-on, project-based, interactive STEAM focused learning activities such as:
 - In STEM:
 - Robotics
 - Engineering
 - Science projects
 - Math club
 - Chess club
 - In the Arts:
 - Book club
 - Drama/theatre
 - Debate club
 - Music (instrumental & vocal)
 - Dance
 - Visual arts
 - Martial arts
 - Culinary arts & gardening
- CNG prepares end of semester exhibits/performances (student awards).
- CNG encourages parent commitment and involvement using the Parent Point Program or other similar program.
- CNG recommends no membership fees.