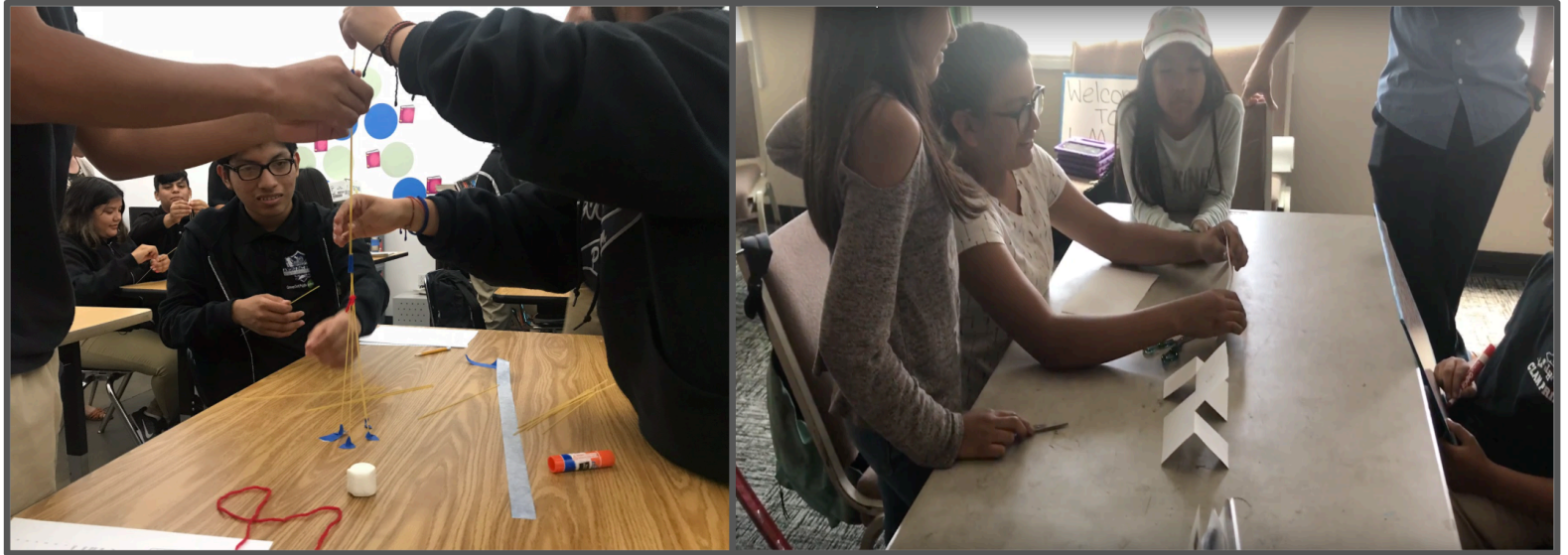




## HANDS-ON CURRICULUM

Our brain research-based curriculum optimizes student excitement, learning, comprehension, retention and recall as students discover the content through kinesthetic learning adventures!

***Learn more...***



*Animo College Preparatory Academy students building a marshmallow tower to learn about effective teams (right) and Norwalk Summer Institute students learning about Growth Mindset through the Mindset Paper Challenge! (right)*

Effective learning is best achieved when students construct their own knowledge through an exciting and structured inquiry approach! Our curriculum optimizes learning, excitement, comprehension, retention and recall by utilizing the 5E model of instruction developed by BSCS that is founded on brain research. Our lessons implement only the most effective strategies that stimulate critical thinking, while ensuring that the learning is accessible and highly memorable for students. We use many techniques and tools including kinesthetic manipulatives that stimulate discussion, structured whiteboard checks for understanding, Thinking Maps™ for effective note taking and processing, concept cards™ for concept and vocabulary mastery, explanatory videos, Mind Maps™ for strong content retention, partner teach, Super Tutors™, Intrinsic Token Economies, Culturally Responsive Teaching as defined by Zaretta Hammond, and many, many more.