

DCMS COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER
2025

WHAT'S NEW?

- Focus on Kindness through Positive Communications
- Career Day Speaker Sign Up
- Meet The Counselors
- Bullying Prevention Month
- New Level Down Procedures
- Consent for School Counseling Services
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting
- Career Readiness Roadmap
- Dress Up Days
- Onboarding for School Links (every 6th grade parent and those new to Fort Bend)

Career Day Speaker Sign Up

We're excited to begin planning our annual Career Day, and we'd love your help! If you or someone you know would be interested in speaking to our students about your career, please let us know.

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire and inform our middle schoolers about the many paths they can take in the future.

Please reach out to Anitra Moore via email at anitra.moore@fortbendisd.gov or [click the link to register](#). Our Career Fair will be November 20, 2025.

Thank you for supporting our students!

Focus on Kindness through Positive Communication

This year the counseling department will focus on kindness through positive communications. Each day on announcements we will have helpful quotes for students to hear to help them learn how to effectively communicate in a positive, kind manner. This month we are focusing on

Positive Communication with Peers.



Important Dates

- September 3 - Oct. 31 - Level Down Window
- October 13 - 17 - No School
- October 20 - No School
- October 22 - Unity Day (Wear Orange)
- October 27 -31 - Red Ribbon Week



MEET THE COUNSELORS

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DCMS Counseling Website





October is Bullying Prevention Month

Partnering with Parents to Create a Safe School Environment
At David Crockett Middle School, we believe every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued. October is Bullying Prevention Month, and we're taking this opportunity to strengthen our commitment to fostering a positive school climate—one where bullying has no place.

This month, students will participate in activities and discussions that promote kindness, empathy, and inclusion. But creating a truly safe environment takes teamwork—and parents play a vital role.

How Parents Can Help:

- Talk with your child about what bullying looks like and why it's harmful.
- Encourage open communication—let your child know they can come to you or a trusted adult if they experience or witness bullying.
- Model respectful behavior at home and in the community.
- Reach out to your child's counselor or administrator if you have concerns.

Together, we can build a culture of compassion and respect that empowers every student to thrive.

If you have questions or would like resources to support your child, please contact our counseling team. Thank you for being a valued partner in keeping David Crockett Middle School safe and welcoming for all.



Level Down Process

This year the district has implemented a new process for when you are requesting a Level Change.

- Leveling down is contingent of available space in the requested course.
- In the case of failing grades, teachers may assign alternative assignments in order to fulfill a grade change of up to a 70.
- Student has a class average below a 75.
- The following must be completed prior to submission of a level down form.
 - Student, parent, and teacher conference via TEAMS or in person
 - A success plan created, attempted, and monitored
 - Student must attend a minimum of 3 tutorials
 - Student must complete all assignments

Fall Window: September 3 - October 31, 2025

Consent for School Counseling Services

On Monday, September 22, 2025, the district sent out an important communication regarding consent for school counseling services.

The message included the link to the consent form, which is available in Skyward Q. To ensure your student has access to the support they need, please complete the consent form at your earliest convenience.



If you have not yet seen this message, we kindly ask that you check your Spam or Junk folder, as it may have been filtered there.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact your student's grade level counselor directly. We are here to support you and your student throughout the school year.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Attention 8th Grade Parents & Guardians!

You're invited to an important 8th Grade Parent Meeting hosted by the DCMS Counseling Department to learn about your student's transition to high school and the exciting opportunities ahead!

 Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

 Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm

 Location: This meeting will occur virtually in Teams using the following link:

[8th Grade Parent Meeting_\(Virtual Meeting\)_](#)

Topics Include:

- Understanding High School Credits
- Exploring Endorsements & Career Pathways
- Overview of FBISD Programs of Choice
- Special presentation by the GBHS Counselors highlighting programs and opportunities available at George Bush High School

This is a valuable opportunity to get informed, ask questions, and help your student make thoughtful decisions about their high school journey and beyond.



DRESS UP DAYS!

Anti-BULLYING Week

CRAZY SOCK DAY OCT 21 TUESDAY
Wear crazy or colorful socks to stomp out bullying!

ORANGE YOU GLAD WE STAND TOGETHER OCT 22 WEDNESDAY
Wear Orange to stand against bullying!

MISMATCH DAY OCT 23 THURSDAY
Celebrate uniqueness with mismatched clothes!

DCMS CHOOSES TO BE BULLY FREE OCT 24 FRIDAY
Wear DCMS Attire

BULLY-FREE ZONE

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31

MONDAY
PUT DRUGS TO REST - PJ'S

TUESDAY
TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS - JERSEYS

WEDNESDAY
TWIN DAY - STICK TOGETHER AGAINST DRUGS

THURSDAY
THROWBACK THURSDAY
LEAVE DRUGS IN THE PAST

FRIDAY
PUT A CAP ON DRUGS - WEAR HATS
YOU MUST REMAIN IN DRESS CODE



Onboarding for Guardians

For Claimed Accounts

Getting Started: To complete this process, you will need to be provided with a **Claim Code** by your student or their counselor to associate a student to your account. Learn how your student can find their guardian claim code in the [Find Your Guardian Claim Code](#) student article.

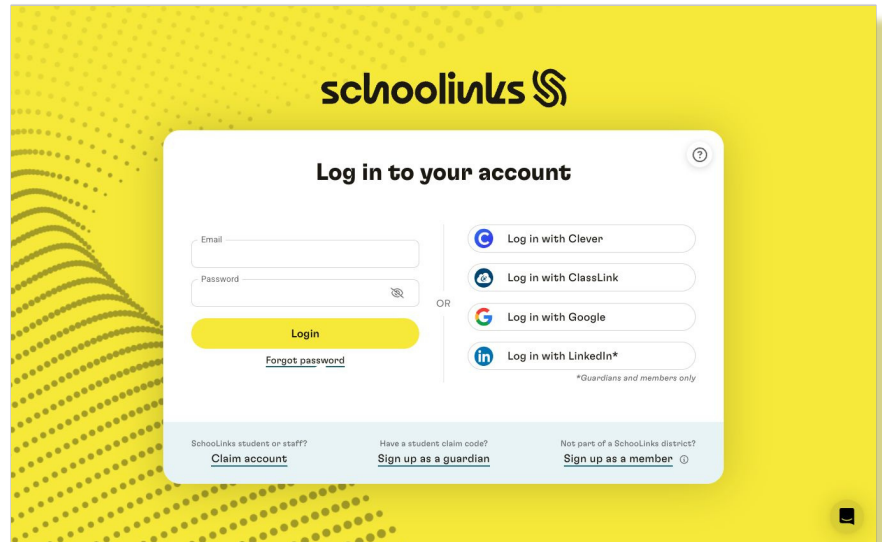
Visit app.schoolinks.com then follow the instructions for the option that applies to you:

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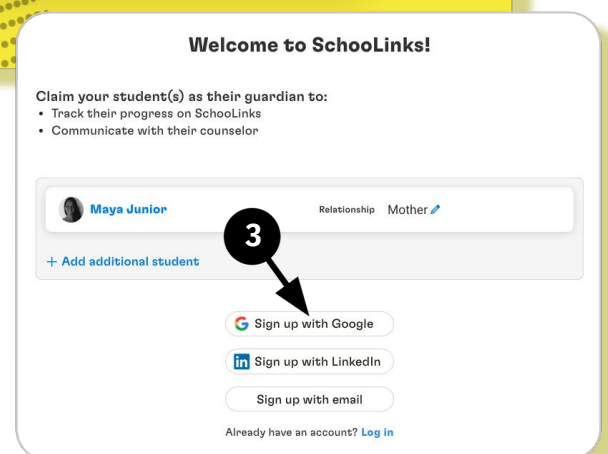
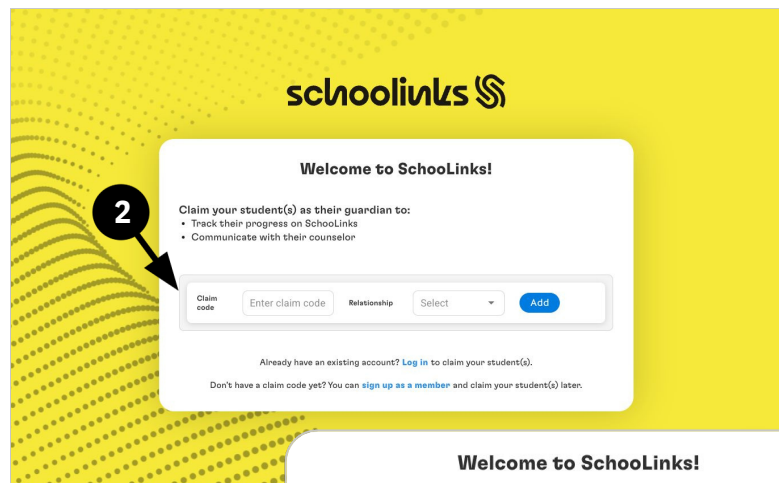
2. Option 2

You have already created an account but still need to claim your student.



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- 1 Click [Sign up as a guardian](#) on the SchoolLinks login page
- 2 Enter your student's Claim Code and your relationship to the student then click [Add](#)
- 3 Confirm the student you are claiming then choose your sign up method:
 - with Google
 - with LinkedIn
 - with Email



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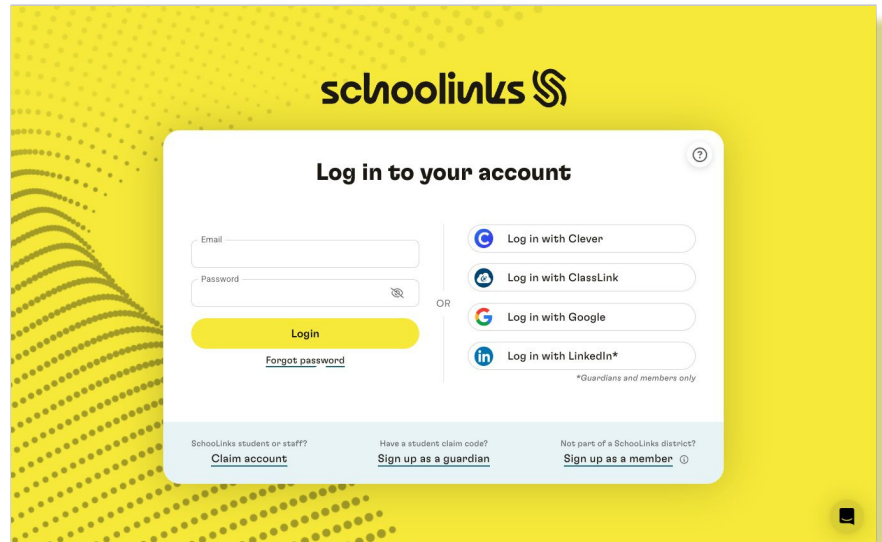
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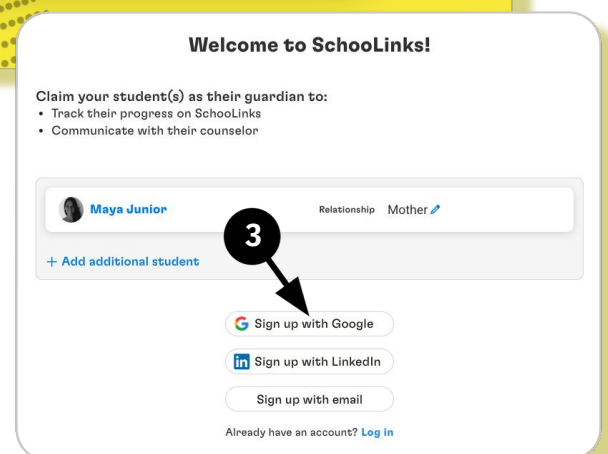
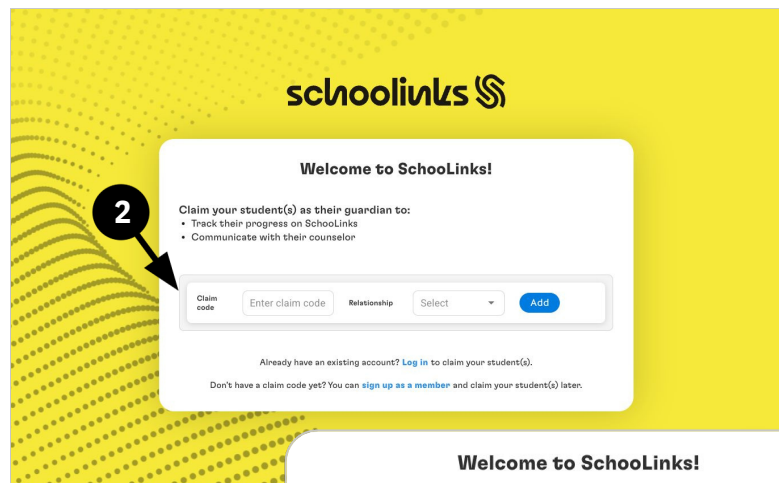
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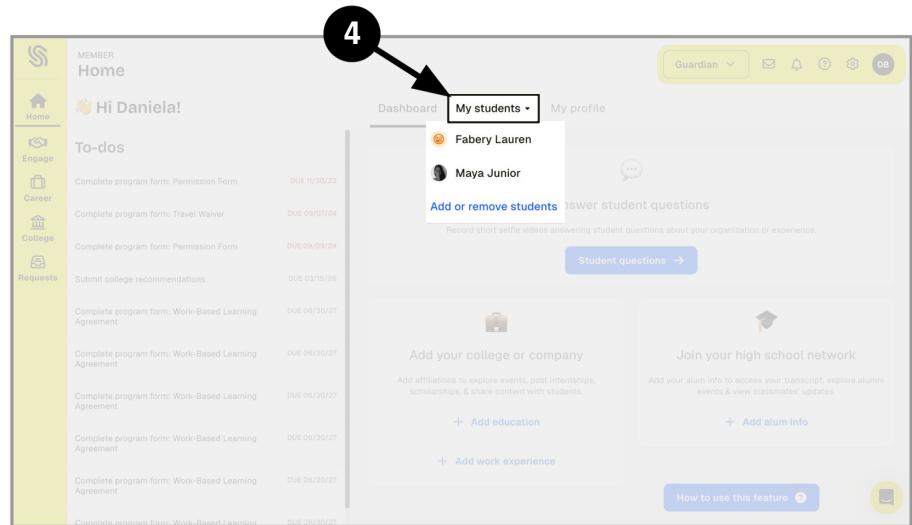
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- 4** Upon signing up you will be redirected to your guardian dashboard. Click the **My Students** tab at the top to access your claimed student.

Click on the student's name to begin exploring their casefile!



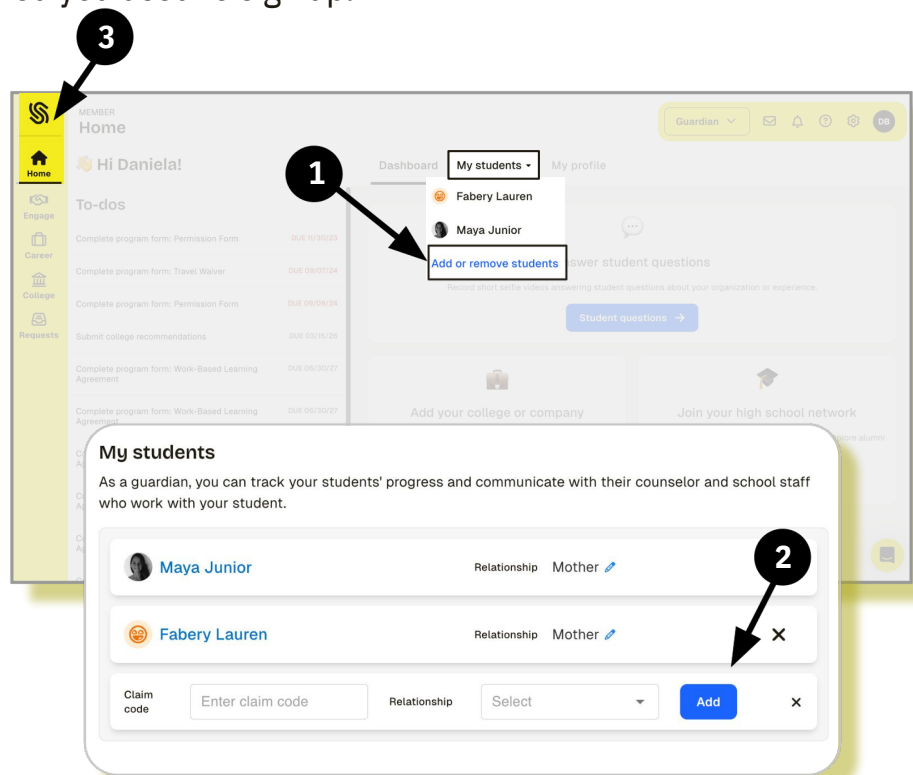
Option 2: You have already created an account

Login to your account using your email and password or through Google or LinkedIn Single Sign-On, depending on the method you used to sign up.

- 1** Once logged in, click the **My Students** tab at the top of your guardian dashboard, then click **Add or Remove Students**

- 2** Enter the provided claim code and add your relationship to the student then click **Add**

- 3** Click the SchoolLinks Logo or Home icon to return to the dashboard, then click the student's name from the **My students** tab to begin exploring their casefile



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The ability to set and achieve academic goals by taking responsibility for learning while demonstrating perseverance and integrity. It includes managing time effectively, staying organized, and seeking help when needed.

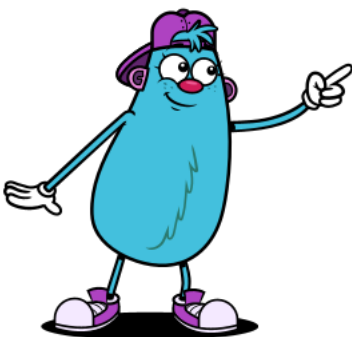
Why Academic Achievement Matters

Middle school is a time of increased academic expectations and personal responsibility. QuaverReady lessons equip your child with the skills needed for academic achievement and can help them:

- ✂ Build confidence by staying organized
- ✂ Strengthen problem-solving skills
- ✂ Encourage independence
- ✂ Prepare for future academic goals

Classroom Connection

Use the QR codes below to access academic achievement resources to discuss with your child at home.



[Organize It \(Song\)](#)



[Time Management Skills
\(Discussion\)](#)



How Can Families Support Academic Achievement at Home?

Here are some simple ways to encourage academic achievement in your middle schooler:

ENCOURAGE ORGANIZATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT

Help your child create a system for keeping track of assignments, deadlines, and materials. Work together to create a homework schedule that balances schoolwork, activities, and rest.

TALK ABOUT SEEKING HELP

Reinforce that asking for help from teachers, tutors, or peers is a strength, not a weakness.

DISCUSS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Encourage honesty in your child's schoolwork, and talk about the importance of completing assignments independently.

CHECK IN ON STRESS AND ANXIETY

Ask your child how they feel about school, and help them find healthy ways to manage academic pressure.

Conversation Starters

Use these questions to spark meaningful discussions at home:

- Ä What's one academic goal you would like to achieve this year?
How can I support you in reaching it?
- Ä How do you feel when you have a lot of schoolwork or a big test coming up?
What helps you manage stress?
- Ä What's something you've learned recently that you're proud of?
Why does it stand out to you?

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2025-2026 Bell Schedule



Regular Bell Schedule Monday/Thursday/Friday				
Period	6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade		
1	8:50 – 9:45 (55)	8:50 – 9:45 (55)		
2	9:50 – 10:40 (50)	9:50 – 10:40 (50)		
3	10:45 – 12:10	10:45 – 11:35 (50)		
Lunch	A Lunch 10:50-11:20Lunch (30)	Passing Period	11:35 – 11:40	
	3rdPeriod:11:20-12:10(50)	4	11:40 – 1:20 (65)	
Passing Period	12:10 – 12:15	B Lunch 11:40 – 12:10 Lunch (30 min)	C Lunch 12:15-12:45 Lunch (30 min)	D Lunch 12:50 – 1:20 Lunch (30 min)
4	12:15 – 1:20 (65)	4th Period: 12:15-1:20 (65)	4th Period: 11:40-12:15 (35) 12:50-1:20 (30)	4th Period: 11:40-12:45 (65)
5	1:25 – 2:15 (50)	1:25 – 2:15 (50)		
6	2:20 – 3:10 (50)	2:20 – 3:10 (50)		
7	3:15- 4:10 (55)	3:15- 4:10 (55)		

Advisory Tue & Wed Schedule <i>Your lunch period may be different on advisory days – Refer to Cafeteria Chart</i>							
Period	A Lunch	Period	B Lunch	Period	C Lunch	Period	D Lunch
1	8:50 – 9:40 (50)	1	8:50 – 9:40 (50)	1	8:50 – 9:40 (50)	1	8:50 – 9:40 (50)
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Below you will find links to assist you with navigating Skyward (official grade book) and Schoology (where most teachers will post assignments, notes, tests/quizzes):

Skyward Login Information: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/skyward>

Schoology Student Information: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/119482>

Schoology Parent Information: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/83209>