

STAY CONNECTED

Parents: Sign Up Now for FCPS 24-7 Learning

All parents, legal guardians, and foster parents of FCPS students are eligible to receive their own user accounts for FCPS 24-7 Learning (Blackboard). Since the program was made available to parents in March 2007, more than 29,000 parents have already signed up for their own accounts.

Registration provides several benefits. With their own accounts, parents no longer have to share account information with their children in order to visit their online class sites in FCPS 24-7. An account, which provides access to the **Parent View** page in FCPS 24-7, allows parents to directly access all their children's class sites from this one location. This allows parents to view class announcements and materials shared with students and, in most cases, provides a direct link to each of their children's teachers' FCPS e-mail addresses for easy communication. **Please Note:** By updating your child's emergency contact information in FCPS 24-7 you are also updating your account information for messages from the [Keep in Touch \(KIT\) Basic message system](#).

weCare@school and Family Connection Tools Included

Additionally, registration provides access to the weCare@school and Family Connection tools. weCare@school provides parents a secure capability to review and electronically update each child's emergency data information. Parents who take advantage of this service can now only update those fields that require a change, such as contact phone information or home address, without manually completing a new form. This up-to-date information can be rapidly included in the FCPS student information system and allows each school's first responders to electronically access this information should the need arise.

Family Connection, a planning tool for high school students, enables high school parents to:

- View their students' GPAs and SAT and ACT test scores.
- View their students' resumés and postgraduation plans.
- Research colleges and view acceptance histories from their high schools.
- View additional career and college counseling resources from their schools and FCPS.

Signing Up Is Easy

To sign up for an FCPS 24-7 Learning account, parents need only complete a simple two-step process. First, they register online through FCPS 24-7 Learning. The site can be accessed by either selecting the FCPS 24-7 Learning link on the FCPS public web site or by going directly to <http://fcps.blackboard.com> and entering **parentreg** as the username and **newuser** as the password.

This login provides access to step-by-step instructions, a toll-free number for assistance, and the online registration form. After completing the online registration, which requires school directory-type information and a valid e-mail address, parents receive a validation code that must be taken to one of their children's schools in order to validate and enable the account.

Schools provide opportunities for both registration and validation at parent-oriented activities such as Back-to-School Nights, orientations, and other activities. They also have the ability to support walk-in validation requests. As a courtesy, it is best to call the school ahead of time for walk-in validation.

The registration and validation process is a one-time requirement. No annual update or other update or additional registration is required while parents have students enrolled in FCPS.

Parents are encouraged to contact their children's schools to find out their plans for registration activities and validation opportunities over the coming months.