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For the Parents, Students and Community of Venice High School

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Our 2024-2025 school year is moving along. During my visits to several classes, I have seen great learning and instruction. Our teachers and students are working hard to make up for the academic time missed during this devastating hurricane season. I hope that our families are recovering from these impactful storms.

Please visit your parent portal for up-to-date information regarding your student's grades and attendance. Our second nine weeks ends January 16th. To access the new parental portal, visit <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/page/parents-and-students> and click on the Focus Portal icon.

It was awesome to have Mrs. Kelly Rozelle selected as the Venice High School Teacher of the year and Mrs. Amanda Center selected as the School Related Employee of the year. We are proud of the amazing work these ladies do in our school. I honestly believe we have the best students and teachers in the county.

While our fall sports teams head into playoff games, our winter sports teams have started their respective seasons. Our sports teams are offering great athletic games

and exciting events for our students and community. I appreciate our community and parental representation at these events. Our kids love to see the fans and appreciate everyone's support.

VHS truly has something for everyone. Our fall concerts and our most recent play, Clue were incredible. Coming up in December we have our Madrigal on Dec 7th and 8th. We have Winter concerts starting on December 4th, please check out our website under the announcements section for more performance dates in December. How about volunteering for Service Saturdays? We invite our entire community to join us on February 1st at 9am to 11:30am to help beautify our campus. Sign-up is required. Lunch is served!

I hope everyone has a restful holiday season and a happy new year! We want every student to graduate on time, college, and career ready. Our mission is to create lifelong learners and engaged citizens. If your child needs extra support, please reach out to your student's teacher and/or your student's school counselor for extra help.

Best Regards,  
Zoltan Kerestely, *Principal*

## Venice High School Resources



**Student and Family Handbook  
Code of  
Student Conduct**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/student-and-family-handbook>

**Equity Handbooks for Employees/Applicants & Students**

*Located on the district website under*

**Human Resources / Equity**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/equity-procedures-for-employees-applicants-students>



# GUIDANCE CORNER



Seniors are finishing their college applications and waiting for acceptance letters. Please make sure you are visiting the Rotary Futures College Resource Center to receive expert help on your college applications and scholarship applications. Please speak with your counselor or one of the counselors in Rotary Futures to help with post-secondary planning. We have information on STC, vocational schools, colleges, universities and the military.

If your student has not passed the FSA ELA or one of the EOC tests, we encourage you to see your counselor to find out about websites that offer test preparation. The fall FSA ELA scores should be available prior to the winter break. Students may use an acceptable ACT, SAT or CLT concordant score to meet graduation requirements. Please see your counselor if you have not passed the FSA ELA, yet.

VHS continues to be a testing site for the SAT. Students can register online or obtain a registration form in the guidance department. Students who are planning to attend a 4- year university will need either an ACT or SAT score for admission. Please see your guidance counselor if you need assistance with registering for a test.

Please know the SUS (State University System of Florida) does not count ALG 1A and ALG 1B as 2 separate math credits for university acceptance. The SUS will count this combination as 1 math credit.

Athletes---stay aware of your NCAA status. If you need assistance, please speak with your coach or guidance counselor. Please remember the approved course listing has changed, so make sure your courses comply with the requirements of NCAA. Liberal Arts Math does not count as a NCAA math and ALG 1A and ALG 1B are only .5 credits with NCAA.

Students who will be taking DE classes need to see their guidance counselor asap in order to make sure they have all the necessary paperwork and test scores in place for their spring courses. The final deadline for enrolling in spring classes at SCF is December 1, 2024. Remember some History and Science classes at SCF only count as .5 high school credit.

The graduating class of 2025 will need to make sure they have met the 26 credit requirement and have passed the FSA ELA, passed the Algebra 1 EOC and have taken the Geometry, Biology, and US History EOC. The 2024 graduates will also need to have at least a 2.0 gpa.

Nicole Wolfe: A-Co

Mike Bartlett: H-Le

Mia Slaton: P-Sk

Nancy Hopper: Cr-G

Brenda Bartlett: Li-O

Lori Barton: SI-Z

## 'Tis the Season for Giving

Do you have any of those Christmas gifts/gift cards laying around that you will never use and can't return? If so, we would be glad to take them off your hands.

Each year VHS hopes to be able to give gifts to some of our less fortunate students.

**All donations can be dropped off in first floor admin or the attendance office in the main office.**

**If you have any questions, feel free to call Christine Pomerleau 941-488-6726.**

Thank you for your continued support!

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## 2024-2025

### Important Testing Dates/Windows

as of 10-31-24\*

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?***</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Nov 7 . . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors/Juniors for Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Nov 12 . . . . .	PERT – Post Secondary Ed Readiness . . . . .	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
Dec 2 – 5 . . . . .	FAST PM2 . . . . .	Freshmen & Sophomores in 2028 & 2027 Cohorts
Dec 10 – 11 . . . . .	FCLE – Florida Civic Literacy Exam . . . . .	All students in Government
Dec 10 – 12 . . . . .	Winter FAST/BEST/EOC’s and Retakes . . . . .	Students as needed for Graduation or Credit
**Jan 9 – 17 . . . . .	Midterms/LEOC’s/DCA’s . . . . .	All students as needed
Jan 27 – Feb 19 . . . . .	CCA’s – Curriculum Common Assessments . . . . .	ELA 27-31, Bio 3-7, Alg/Geo 10-14, USH 12-19
Feb 20 . . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
**Feb 25 . . . . .	ACT State Testing . . . . .	All Juniors in the 2026 Cohort
March 3 – 13 . . . . .	CCA’s – Curriculum Common Assessments . . . . .	ELA 3-7, Geo 7-13, Bio 10-13
March 10 – 13 . . . . .	PERT – Post Secondary Ed Readiness . . . . .	Students interested in Dual Enrollment
March 25 . . . . .	ACT NCR (Non College Reportable) . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
Mar 31 – Apr 3 . . . . .	BEST Writing . . . . .	Freshmen & Sophomores in 2028 & 2027 Cohorts
Mar 31 – Apr 25 . . . . .	CCA’s – Curriculum Common Assessments . . . . .	Alg 31-4, USH 10-15, Bio 21-25
April 10 . . . . .	CLT – Classic Learning Test . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
April 16 . . . . .	SAT NCR (Non College Reportable) . . . . .	Seniors needing Reading and/or Math for Graduation
May 1 – 15 . . . . .	FAST/BEST/EOC’s . . . . .	ELA 1-6, USH 7-8, Geo 9-12, Bio 13-14, Alg 15
**May 20 – 29 . . . . .	Senior Exams/Final Exams/LEOC’s/DCA’s . . . . .	All students as needed

\*Dates subject to change

\*\*\*Calendar does not include IB, AP, AICE, MPA, WIDA, FSAA, etc

\*\*Modified Bell will be used

# Class of 2025

## Commencement Ceremony Accessories



New this year, **student will only be permitted to wear school issued accessories at the commencement ceremony.**

- Graduation caps and gowns cannot be modified in any way.
- Students wearing any unauthorized items will be asked to remove them, and if they do not, they will be excluded from the ceremony.
- No stoles, cords, leis, or other items not certified by VHS are permitted.

More information on which items are permitted will be provided through the VHS student organization’s sponsor. If you have a cultural or religious items you would like to be considered for exception, please complete a written request on 2nd floor in January 2025.

**Deadline is April 1, 2025.**



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9:20am — 3:00pm Rotaryfutures.org  
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## NEWS FOR SENIOR CLASS OF 2025

### SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 MEETING

A Senior Class student and parent informational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00pm in the VPAC.

The meeting will cover spring senior activities, the next steps for college/technical school, scholarships (including Bright Futures), graduation requirements, commencement, and Project Graduation.

### FAFSA HELP NIGHT FOR SENIORS (CLASS OF 2025)

We will host a FAFSA Help Night on Wednesday, January 15 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in the VHS Media Center. This night is for seniors and their parents to complete the FAFSA, which stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The FAFSA does not open until December 1, but you can create your FSA ID anytime (we recommend doing this step as soon as possible). The student and ONE parent need to create an ID using their social security number on the following secure site: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.

The information gathered on the FAFSA provides the federal and state government, as well as most postsecondary institutions, with the financial information needed to determine the amount of financial aid that a student is eligible to receive.

- Since this aid is based on need, it is very important to gather financial information from the family to make proper determinations.
- Therefore, the FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after it opens (presumably December 1st).
- Many colleges have priority FAFSA priority completion deadlines in January or February.

- File the FAFSA online at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)
- Remember—the FAFSA is always FREE. Need help? Contact the Rotary Futures College Resource Center or the VHS College & Career Advisor, Michele Tippman, to help you complete your FAFSA!

### SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 BRIGHT FUTURES & STATE AID INFORMATION

ANY SENIOR who wants to be considered for one of the many State of Florida grants INCLUDING the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, MUST complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) prior to graduation (not to be confused with the Federal Aid Application—FAFSA).

ONLY SENIORS MAY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, which opened in October.

You do NOT need to have met the requirements for Bright Futures to apply! Seniors, APPLY NOW!

We prefer seniors complete the 10-minute FFAA application in Rotary Futures where we will have staff available for assistance. The application is simple and only takes 10 minutes to complete (no financial questions). Once your application is submitted, corrections can be VERY difficult, and you may have to make the corrections directly with the State of Florida – Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA.)

To complete the ONLINE application at home:

1. Go to [FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org](http://FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org)
  2. Under First Time Applicants, click on “Create Student Account.”
  3. After creating the account and submitting, click on the link to complete the FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application.) This step is VERY important.
  4. Students should receive 2 emails from OSFA within the next 2-3 days. The first email will indicate the Student Account was created. The second email will indicate the application was submitted.
  5. Follow the steps in the email to access the account and reset the password.
- For more information on the recent changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, go to their website: [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/)

### SENIORS (CLASS OF 2025)—START YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH NOW!

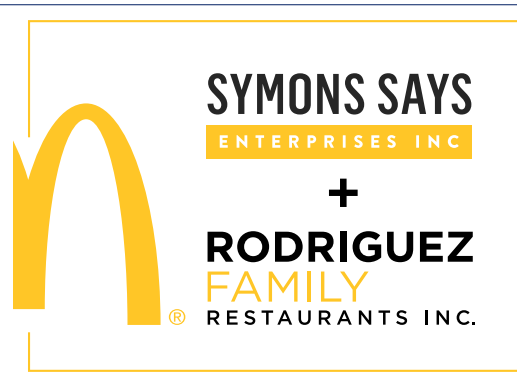
The Rotary Futures College Resource Center offers a monthly scholarship spreadsheet that lists all of the available opportunities for you at this time.

Overall, we market over 250 scholarships—local, regional, state, national, and institutional—from now until the end of the school year.

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Most scholarships have deadlines in February, March, and April, and these deadlines will pass quickly after the first of the year.

We ask that students complete the FAFSA before they begin their scholarship search, since most applications require the completed FAFSA.

### NEWS FOR JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2026), SOPHOMORES (CLASS OF 2027), AND FRESHMEN (CLASS OF 2028):

#### JUNIOR CLASS OF 2026 MEETING

A Junior Class of 2026 Family Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00pm in the VPAC. We will provide valuable information to prepare students for Senior year. Topics will include Internships, National Honor Society, senior activities, senior schedules, SAT and ACT info, college visits, college and technical school admission process, CHANGES to the Florida Bright Futures scholarship program, volunteer hours, and much more!

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2027 MEETING

A Sophomore Class of 2027 Family Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 5:30pm in the TEL Lab (4-262)—please enter the campus through the cafeteria gates. We will provide information about scheduling, college admissions, National Honor Society, SAT/ACT Info, Bright Futures, and more!

#### FRESHMEN CLASS OF 2028 MEETING

A Freshmen Class of 2028 Family Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the TEL Lab (4-262)—please enter the campus through the cafeteria gates. We will provide information about the IB Program, scheduling, college admissions, school activities, National Honor Society, Bright Futures, and more!

#### COLLEGE NIGHT AT VENICE HIGH SCHOOL

Mark your calendar! On Monday, February 24, 2025, come to the 22nd annual South Sarasota County College Night at Venice High School, hosted by Rotary Futures and sponsored by Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

The tentative plan is as follows (but check our website at [rotaryfutures.org](http://rotaryfutures.org) for any updates or changes):

##### 5:30 – 6:30 pm:

“Big 5” Presentation in the VHS Gym: Hear from admissions representatives from the Univ. of Florida, Florida State, Univ. of Central Florida, Univ. of South Florida, and Florida Southern College.

##### 6:00 – 7:30 pm:

Approximately 60+ schools will be in attendance from Florida and around the country in the VHS Cafeteria.

Our college fair is free and open to anyone in the area. Our College Night is MUCH LESS crowded than the county college fair held at Robarts Arena. Last year, 650 students and parents attended! Don't miss the opportunity visit with college representatives here on our own campus.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please remember that Mrs. Michele Tippman ([michele.tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:michele.tippman@sarasotacountyschools.net)) is Venice High's community service coordinator.

Please submit your log sheets for employment hours or service hours to her email or her room: 4-241.

#### REMAINING 2024-2025 SAT & ACT DATES

##### SAT: Register at

[www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org)

- December 7, 2024
- March 8, 2025
- May 3, 2025
- June 7, 2025

##### ACT:

Register at [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

- December 14, 2024
- February 8, 2025
- April 5, 2025
- June 14, 2025
- July 12, 2025

Check websites for up-to-date information. ACT writing/essay is Optional. NO Florida college or university requires the optional writing/essay, nor does the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

\*\*\*Waivers for test fees are available for juniors and seniors who are receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Go to Rotary Futures to get the waivers.

#### JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2026)

DO NOT WAIT until your senior year to take your first test! Take one SAT and one ACT before the end of your junior year. We suggest you take both the SAT and ACT once you have completed Algebra 2 (or are about to complete Algebra 2). Some students do much better on one test than the other, so take both to see on which you do the best. You may take each test multiple times, too! All Florida public universities and most colleges and schools will accept EITHER test, and they will superscore using the best combination of scores from all tests taken.

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Also, please encourage your children to read! Reading for just six minutes a day can improve sleep quality, reduce stress and sharpen mental acuity. According to a study from the University of Sussex, reading for just six minutes a day reduces stress by 68 percent.

Also, model reading. If your children see you reading, they are more likely to read, too. While reading of any sort is beneficial, reading longer texts augments attention span and concentration. That means reading an entire book in six-minute increments will provide maximum benefits. Of course, if you have the right book, you might find it hard to stop after six minutes.

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**SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
 2024-2025 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR (Revised 10/18/2024)  
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**JULY 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st - 5th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
 15th - 220 Staff Return

**AUGUST 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

5th - 196 Staff Return  
 12th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

2nd - Labor Day - Students, All Staff  
 25th - 27th - Closure Due to Hurricane

**OCTOBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

7th - 15th - Closure Due to Hurricane  
 18th - Professional Day, Students, 186 Staff  
 25th - End of 1st Grading Period

**NOVEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27		

25th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

**DECEMBER 2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

23rd - 31st - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

**JANUARY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1st - 3rd - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
 16th - End of 2nd Grading Period  
 17th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

**FEBRUARY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

17th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

**MARCH 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

17th - 21st - Spring Break - Students, All Staff  
 28th - End of 3rd Grading Period

**APRIL 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

18th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

**MAY 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

26th - Memorial Day - Students, All Staff  
 29th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
 30th - Last Day for 196 Staff

**JUNE 2025**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

12th - Last Day for 220 Staff

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### What is OJT?

OJT is a work-based learning opportunity for students who meet specific academic and career readiness criteria. By working a minimum number of hours each week, students can earn high school credits for the academic calendar year, with the following minimum requirements:

- 3 credits: 450 hours (15 hours per week)
- 2 credits: 300 hours (10 hours per week)
- 1 credit: 150 hours (5 hours per week)

In addition to their job commitments, students will complete required paperwork, participate in evaluations, and attend mandatory meetings to ensure they're meeting program expectations.

Students who meet all requirements can leave campus for work each day, except on meeting days.

### Requirements to Join OJT

To participate in OJT, students must meet these criteria:

- **Grade Level:** Open to juniors and seniors only.
- **GPA:** A minimum GPA of 2.0.
- **CTE Pathway:** Students must complete at least two courses in the same Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway, such as Business, Culinary, Engineering, Medical, Coding, Multimedia, or Construction.
- **Industry Certification:** Students are expected to earn an industry certification related to their CTE pathway before their senior year to qualify for OJT enrollment. However, exceptions may be made for seniors who transfer in or are otherwise unable to complete certification beforehand; these students may co-enroll in OJT while actively working toward their certification.
- **Employment Requirements:** All jobs must align with the student's CTE coursework, meet program guidelines, and provide legal payment (no "under-the-table" jobs or self-employment).
- **Valid Driver's License:** Students must have a valid driver's license.
- **Attendance and Conduct:** Students are expected to maintain good academic standing, uphold a strong attendance record, and demonstrate responsible behavior.

### Maintaining Eligibility

The OJT program is a privilege, and students must adhere to the guidelines to remain eligible. This includes regular attendance, signing out when leaving campus, submitting accurate timesheets, and upholding the standards of their employment. If a student falls below academic or attendance standards or has behavioral issues, they may be removed from the program.

We encourage parents and families to discuss this opportunity with their eligible students. OJT offers a pathway to meaningful real-world experience that enhances classroom learning and prepares students for success after high school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Dembinski at [mary.dembinski@sarasotacountysschools.net](mailto:mary.dembinski@sarasotacountysschools.net).

# 2025



## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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- ENJOY ORGANIZING AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS.
- HAVING AN INTEREST IN WORKING IN A BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND PURSUING CONTINUED TRAINING IN BUSINESS, FINANCE, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

**COURSE PROGRESSION**

<p><b>BUSINESS OWNERSHIP (LEVEL 1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This purpose of this course is to prepare students for careers as entrepreneurs; present entrepreneurship as a career path worthy of consideration; provide students with the skills needed to realistically evaluate their potential as business owners; and develop the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to start and operate a business.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ANDLAW (LEVEL 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This course is designed to introduce business management techniques. Topics include human relations, decision-making, communication techniques, business-related legal concepts, and characteristics of the American enterprise system.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DIRECTED STUDY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The content is prescribed by the instructor based on the individual student's assessed needs for directed study. The selected standards and benchmarks, which the student must master to earn credits, must be outlined in an instructional plan developed by the instructor.</li> </ul>
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**IB BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** Earn College Credit!

- This course is designed to develop student's knowledge and understanding of business management theories, learn to analyze, discuss, and evaluate business activities at local, national, and international levels. Additionally, learn business functions including human resource management, finance and accounts, marketing, and operations management.

**EDUCATION LEVEL AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS**

- HIGH SCHOOL- ACCOUNT CLERK, BANK TELLER, CLAIMS CLERK/INSURANCE, CUSTOMER SERVICE REP
- CERTIFICATE AND/OR AA DEGREE- TAX PREPARER, LOAN SPECIALIST, LOGISTICS, INTERNATIONAL SALES REP
- BACHELORS+ ACCOUNTANT, MARKETING COORDINATOR, FINANCIAL PLANNER, APPRAISER

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SchoolLinks allows **you** to:

- View the results of your student's career interest, strength, and mindset assessments to learn more about their interests and what careers might be right for them
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### Financial Literacy

- Begin to consider financial future by choosing paths and lifestyle expenses in the Game of Life
- Learn how future choices relation to education, debt, and career choice will impact long- term financial situations



### College Options

- Organize and track college applications
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- Request all app materials electronically
- Report application results
- Indicate enrollment plans

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SchoolLinks allows **students** to:



### Learn About Themselves

- Take career interest inventory
- Learn their personality type and explore careers based on that personality type
- Set an initial career goal & major/ training goal(s)



### Explore Careers

- Career Center allows students to explore careers and career clusters
- Filter careers by industry market, degree, needed, military careers, & more
- Explore job openings and popular jobs by state



### Find the Right College

- Explore colleges and universities and their diverse programming
- Take virtual tours of campuses
- Favorite colleges and majors
- Build a Final List of schools to plan the application process



### Find Scholarships

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## Guardian: How to Create an Account and Claim a Student



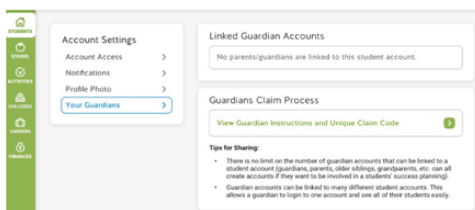
### Students must "invite" their guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks

To create a guardian account (or to claim additional students), you must have a claim code. Your student will need to provide you with their unique claim code (instructions below) for you to create and link your account.

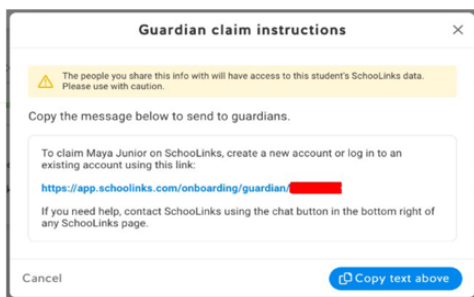
### Inviting your guardian to create an account in SchoolLinks:

When logged into your student account (MySCS → SchoolLinks tile), click the **Gear icon** in the top right-hand corner, then click **Account Settings**.

From here you will see and click on the section called **Your Guardians** pictured below:



Click on the **View Guardian Instructions and Unique Claim Code**, this will show a window like the one below, with instructions to send to your guardian. Copy the information and share it with the guardian who you're trying to add to SchoolLinks. See the example below:



Your guardian simply needs to enter the link into their browser and they'll be taken to a page where they can claim you as their student.

As an alternative option, at the end of the link, there's a code. Your guardian could go to [app.schoollinks.com/claim-student](https://app.schoollinks.com/claim-student) and follow the onscreen steps to enter the code there.



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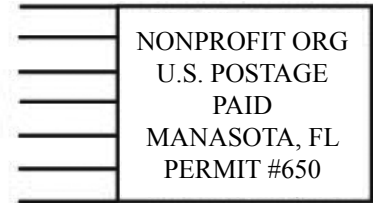
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