

Schoology Overview & Setup for Parents

LTISD Learning Management System
Access

What is Schoology?

Schoology is a Learning Management System:

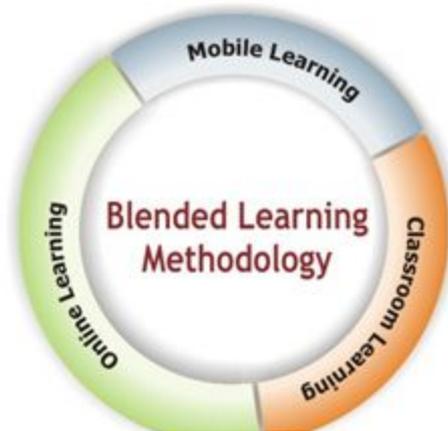
- to help provide student access to learning content 24/7.
- to help teachers streamline communications with students and parents.
- to provide a “[digital backpack](#)” for students to help them stay organized.

Why did LTISD select Schoology?

5 Reasons...

1. Online, Blended, Hybrid Learning Opportunities for All Learners (including K-5)

With increased access to digital resources a necessity and a reality for all schools combined with a district vision that includes innovation for next generation learning, we needed something that could be **easily** used by all grade levels and all levels of technology user. We also needed something that would help our classroom teachers provide supports for students with special learning needs, options for differentiation, and options to gather their own data to support learning. Of the systems we explored, Schoology's interface was the most intuitive and could help us measure what we value.



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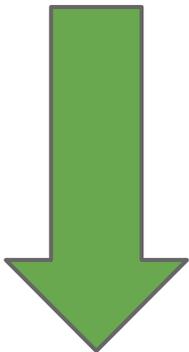
2. Parent Community Involvement in Online, Blended, Hybrid Learning Environments

As a district, we strongly value our parent community as partners in learning. If our students are engaging in digital learning, we need to make sure that our parents feel included. If students submit digital work, parents can see what they've done. In addition, we wanted the potential to have parent groups using our LMS for their own communication, collaboration, and learning. Schoology provides ways to include parents as learners and participants.

3. Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device

LTISD is a “Bring Your Own Learning Technologies” (BYOLT) district that supplements student devices with iPads, Chromebooks, laptop/desktop computers. Our district vision of anytime, anywhere learning required us to take a look at our options and find something that was device agnostic. Schoology's web platform works on all devices, but even better for us, the iOS and the Android app meant that we could leverage mobile devices for students, teachers, and parents. Schoology provided the best fit for our mixed device reality -- and it took the device out of the equation.

Ready to get started? Go to the next slide...



4. Collaboration & Sharing Across the District

One of our district goals was to provide online collaborative environments for working smarter. We needed the ability for grade level teams, PLCs, departments, campuses, and teachers across campuses to work and share work with each other regardless of where they are or to what campus they belong. This can take many forms via Schoology to include: creating common assessments, having online discussions, debriefing and sharing video content from classroom observations, creating curriculum units, etc. While we wanted flexibility for small groups or large district-level groups, we also wanted the option to share and collaborate with teachers outside of our district. Schoology lets us work and learn together in a larger arena.

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2014 SIIA CODiE WINNER

NEW YORK — May 28, 2014 — At the 2014 CODiE awards, known as the “Oscars” for education technology, Schoology took home three awards including the top honor of Best Education Solution.

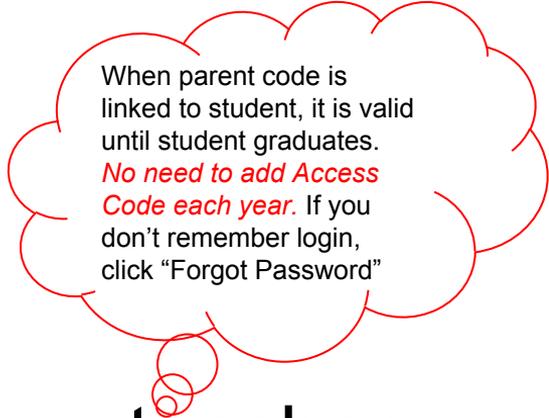
5. Professional Development and Support Structures

As with anything that impacts learning, PD and ongoing support are major considerations. Providing a district-wide solution meant that we could use varied approaches for PD. It also allowed us to streamline our PD with a train-the-trainer model, provide systemic support across the board, and host content that could be easily shared and aligned with professional learning standards. Another consideration for us was the ability for community members to take part in the learning. Because Schoology has a free version, we can include people like student teachers, community members, and other guests in our sessions, even though they don't have district accounts.

Step 1: Sign Up for Parent Account

Go to <http://www.schoology.com>

1. click on Sign Up
2. select Parent
3. enter Access Code from campus or teacher
(MS/HS parents only need to enter 1 code per student per campus to access all courses for that student. Each ES student has 1 code)
4. enter your personal information
5. add any additional child(ren) Access Code(s)
(See Following Slides for Screenshots or [Click Here for a Video Demonstration](#))



When parent code is linked to student, it is valid until student graduates. *No need to add Access Code each year.* If you don't remember login, click "Forgot Password"

Go to www.schoolology.com & click the Sign-Up button then choose Parent. Enter Access Code

The screenshot shows the Schoolology website's sign-up process. The main navigation bar includes 'Why Schoolology', 'Solutions', 'Markets', 'Support', 'About', 'Contact', 'Login', and 'Sign Up'. A large banner on the left reads 'The Top CODiE Award Winner of 2014' and mentions 'Schoolology won three CODiE awards this year, including Best Overall Education Solution.' A modal window titled 'Sign up for Schoolology' is open, showing three options: 'Instructor', 'Student', and 'Parent'. The 'Parent' option is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the 'Parent' option to a detailed view of the sign-up form. This form includes an 'Access Code' input field, which is also highlighted with a red box. Below the input field is a red-bordered box containing the text 'Enter the access code provided by your child's instructor'. A 'Continue' button is located at the bottom of the form. A red arrow points from the 'Parent' option to the 'Access Code' field.

Reminder: You only need to enter an Access Code one time for each child. As long as you use the same email each year, the code will link you to your student until they graduate.

Sign up for Schoology

Back

123-456-789

First Name

Last Name

Email or Username

Password

Confirm Password

Receive periodic Schoology updates

Register

By clicking Register, you agree to our [Privacy Policy & Terms](#)

Sample Parent Access Code: You will receive your unique parent code from your campus or teacher.

Parent enters personal information and registers with Schoology.

After registration, parent has access to student information and can add another child(ren) to the account.

Each additional child requires a separate access code.

You only need one code per child. After the code is entered, you can see all classes that your student is enrolled. Also, you will only need to set up a child access code one time and it will follow them all the way to graduation.

(Note: If you are new to district, or student did not use Schoology last year, they will need to login at school before parent access code is generated.)

You will not be able to see student courses and teachers until the start of school each year in August.

Welcome to Schoology!
Click Next below to start the tour.

[Next](#) [Close](#)

Remind

Activity [Most Recent](#)

Upcoming [Calendar](#)

No upcoming assignments or events

There are no

[Most Recent](#) [Upcoming](#)

Your Parent Account
It's easy to view your children's activity on Schoology. Click on your child's name to browse Schoology as a parent.

[Close](#)

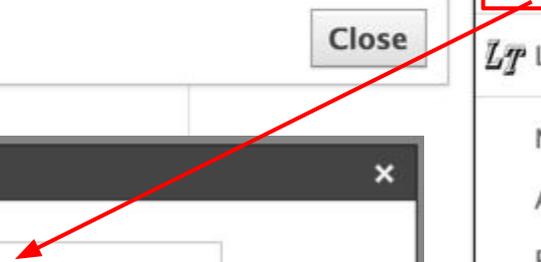
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- Test Student Lake Travis ISD (LTISD)
- + Add Child**
- Lake Travis ISD (LTISD)
- Notifications
- Account Settings
- Privacy
- Recycle Bin
- Logout

Add Child ✕

Child Code:

[Use Code](#) [Cancel](#)



Parent Account Settings View

Once logged in, use the pull-down arrow next to your name to change views between the parent account and the student account(s)

The screenshot shows the user interface for a parent account. At the top right, the user's name "Nina Taylor" is displayed with a pull-down arrow. A red circle highlights this name, and a red arrow points from the text "use the pull-down arrow next to your name" to it. Below the name, a list of accounts is shown, including "Nina Taylor" (Schoology Academy) and "Tina Taylor" (Schoology Academy). A red checkmark icon is next to the first "Nina Taylor" entry, with a red arrow pointing from the text "This check mark indicates the account you're viewing" to it. Below the list, there is a section for "Schoology Academy" with a red box around the "Notifications" option. A red arrow points from the text "Click Here to customize email/text notifications" to the "Notifications" option. Other options include "Account Settings", "Privacy", "Recycle Bin", and "Logout".

This is your account

This is your child's account activity

If you have multiple accounts for children in different schools, you'll see linked accounts here

This is the school associated with your account

[Click Here](#) to customize email/text notifications

This check mark indicates the account you're viewing

Nina Taylor
Schoology Academy

Tina Taylor
Schoology Academy

Nina Taylor
The Jeffersonian School of Arts and Sci...

Thomas Taylor
The Jeffersonian School of Arts and Sci...

+ Add Child

Schoology Academy

Notifications

Account Settings

Privacy

Recycle Bin

Logout

Step 2: Access Student Information

Parents can do the following:

- view student(s) courses, activities, **calendars**
- send a private message to the teacher
- check on Student Progress (Schoology is not the official LTISD gradebook)

Restrictions:

- parents can only see work & responses from their own child(ren)
- parents can not comment on Updates or contribute or make edits to the Course

Parent can see Summary of Student Activity | Course(s) | Upcoming Due Dates/Events

The screenshot displays the Schoology user interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Courses', and 'Groups'. The user's name, 'SampleKid2 Stude...', is visible in the top right. On the left sidebar, there are links for 'Summary', 'Calendar', and 'Messages'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Student Activity', 'Enrollments' (circled in red), 'Courses', and 'Groups'. Under 'Courses', the course 'McLendon Meerkats 4th Grade: Spring 2014' is listed. A red arrow points to this course with the text 'Click on Course to View as Student'. Below this, a message states 'This user is not a member of any groups'. On the right, the 'Upcoming' section lists events: 'What is a MeerKat?' (11:59 pm), 'bio ch 1.2 quiz', 'Page 378 Questions 1-20' (11:59 pm), and 'bio ch 1 test direct import from examview all questions'. At the bottom, the 'Student Activity · Enrollments' section shows a post by 'Test Student' replying to 'What is a MeerKat?' with the text 'I think our class will be a great group of Meerkats because we will be loyal and take care of each other.' Below that, another post by 'Test Student' is shown submitting an item to 'Data Collection Lab Sample'.

Summary

Calendar

Messages

Home Courses Groups

SampleKid2 Stude...

Student Activity **Enrollments**

Courses Current

McLendon Meerkats 4th Grade: Spring 2014

Groups

Click on Course to View as Student

This user is not a member of any groups

Upcoming

Friday, September 5, 2014

What is a MeerKat? 11:59 pm

bio ch 1.2 quiz

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Page 378 Questions 1-20 11:59 pm

Friday, September 26, 2014

bio ch 1 test direct import from examview all questions

Student Activity · **Enrollments** Most Recent

Test Student replied to What is a MeerKat?. Sep 2 at 12:13 pm

I think our class will be a great group of Meerkats because we will be loyal and take care of each other.

Test Student submitted an item to Data Collection Lab Sample Sep 2 at 11:57 am

Use the “Student Activity” view to see all course updates, discussion posts, upcoming events/assignments, and recently graded items

Schoology Home Courses ▾ Groups ▾ Tina Taylor ▾

Summary
Grades/Attendance
Calendar
Messages

Student Activity Enrollments Most Recent ▾

Tina Taylor replied to **Myths and Legends**. Aug 1 at 11:44 pm
“ This is another fun Flashcard game to try for ancient tales, myths, and legends!

Jane Smith ▶ **English 101: Section 1:**
We have a shortened class on Friday due to the shared assembly, but don't forget to hand in your debate topic preferences before you leave class.

Tina Taylor received 87.5/100 for **Order of Operations** Aug 1 at 11:21 pm

Tina Taylor received 14/15 for **Revolutionary Period Quiz** Aug 1 at 11:15 pm

Recent Grades/Attendance
Graded assignments **5**
Graded tests/quizzes **1**
Graded discussions
Attendance **1**

Upcoming
Monday, September 9, 2013
9 Meeting 7:00 pm
9 First Day of Class

You can filter the items you see in this feed

You are viewing SampleKid2 Student's course

McLendon MeerKats 4th Grade: Spring 2014

Lake Travis Elementary (LTISD)

Student Progress

Parent can see course organization & content.

Materials

Updates

Members

Turnitin

Information

Grading periods

- 1st 9 Weeks (Fall 2014),
- 2nd 9 Weeks (Fall 2014),
- 3rd 9 Weeks (Spring 2015),
- 4th 9 Weeks (Spring 2015)

- Welcome MeerKats!**
 This folder provides all the information you need to join our community.

 You'll notice in this folder I put a discussion to start the year on what a meerkat is and how our class can utilize some of the traits of a successful meerkat mob.

 This folder is a great way to get students and parents to buy into your culture, give them resources and information they will need, etc.
- Math**
 These subject folders contain all curriculum for the year. I can organize by week, chapter, however I want to do it. I can hide and show folders when I want students to see them. I can also use "Shared Collections" from my Resources so teacher teams can edit the content together.
 Must Complete
- Language Arts**
- Science**
- Social Studies**
- Digital Citizenship**

All Materials

Upcoming

Friday, September 5, 2014

bio ch 1.2 quiz

What is a Meerkat? 11:51

Data Collection Lab Samp

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Page 378 Questions 1-

Friday, September 26, 2014

bio ch 1 test direct impo
all questions

2 Admins



Parent can see student(s) calendar(s) for all courses.

Calendar

◀ ▶ Today **September 2014** Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31	1	2	3	4	5
					What is a MeerKat? 11:59 pm Data Collection Lab Sample 11:59 pm bio ch 1.2 quiz
7	8	9	10	11	12
			Page 378 Questions 1-20 11:59 pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
					bio ch 1 test direct import from examview of all questions
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Troubleshooting & FAQ's

The following slides will help if you are having an issue.

FAQ's & Help for Parents | Students

[Click here](#) for basic parent navigation

[Click here](#) to visit the Schoology FAQ's

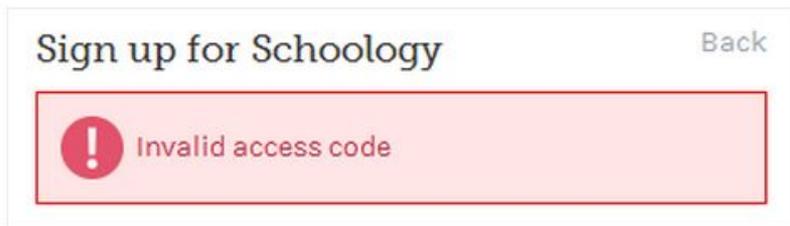
[Click here](#) for helpful Schoology Videos

[Click here](#) for Parent Guide to Schoology

[Click here](#) to manage Notifications

Submit a [helpdesk ticket](#) to Schoology.

Why Doesn't My Access Code Work? I'm A Parent.



IMPORTANT: STUDENT ACCESS CODES ARE NOT THE SAME AS PARENT ACCESS CODES. DO NOT USE STUDENT CODES, MAKE SURE PARENT CODE IS IN FORMAT BELOW

Parents can create new Schoology accounts on www.schoology.com by following these steps:

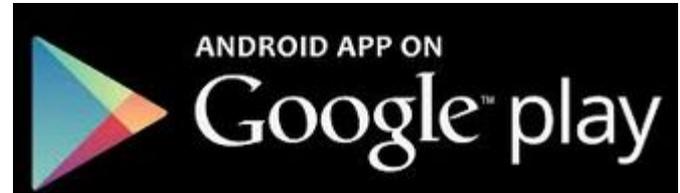
1. Click on the Sign Up button.
2. Click on the Parent button.
3. Enter their Parent Access Code.
4. Fill out the form with their information.
5. And Click Register to complete.

However, sometimes, the steps above create an "Invalid access code" error message. When this error message occurs, it's possible that the Parent Access Code provided by the teacher had been the course access code that's used by students to register an account or join a new course.

Parent access codes look like: xxx-xxx-xxx.

If you don't have an access code with three sets of numbers, the teacher of the course must give you the correct Parent Access Code to create a Schoology account.

Schoology App Available for Apple & Android Devices



Schoology will also run in any browser on any device.
Chrome or Firefox (Mozilla) are recommended.
Windows phone users must use the browser version.

Student Privacy in Schoology

Current settings for all student users in LTISD Schoology system:

- Student “connections” are not available
- Students can “message” a teacher but not each other
- Students are not listed in any directory and only visible to classmates in a course or group
- Students can respond to an update posted by teacher in a specific class but cannot post their own
- Students can respond or post to a class or group discussion board but cannot create their own
- Students can only view the courses or groups in which s/he is enrolled
(students can only join a group or course if enrolled by LTISD or a teacher)
- Students can **not** integrate their accounts with other social networking tools like Twitter or Facebook

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Guides & Video Resources

[Parent Guide](#)
[Student Guide](#)

Video: How to Sign Up & Add Students to Parent Schoology Account

