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SchooLinks
For Guardians

Olentangy Schools
October 14, 2026

The webinar will begin shortly!

Agenda & Resources

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- What is SchooLinks?
- What can students do in SchooLinks?
- Overview of College Application Manager
- Access your Guardian Account
- What can guardians do in SchooLinks?
- SchooLinks support?

Additional Resources

- Overview of Account Features (help article)
- Guardian Guide (document)

What is SchooLinks?

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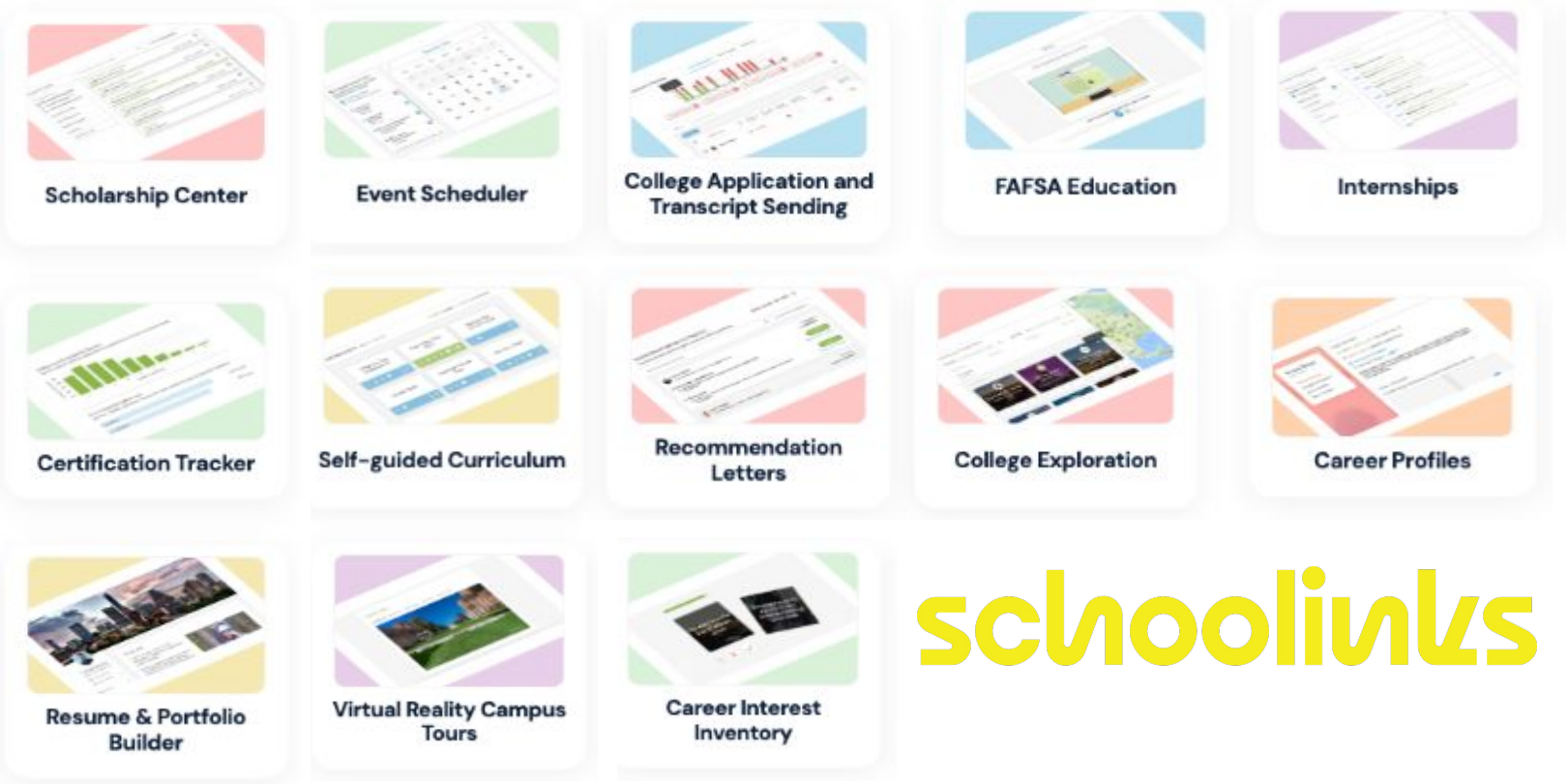
A True All-in-One Student Success Platform

100+ Experiences for Students, Staff, Families



Olentangy SchooLinks Page

- District-Specific SchooLinks Information Hub
- Guardian Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/students/schoolinks

Using SchooLinks, students and parents can:

- Access career interest, strength and mindset assessments
- Explore 2-year/4-year colleges and take virtual reality college campus tours
- Track progress toward student's Ohio graduation plans
- Manage college applications and get letters of recommendation
- Search for scholarships and learn about financial aid
- Find internship and volunteer opportunities
- Explore traditional, emerging, and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios and resumes

Parent/Guardian Login: Click here for log-in instructions. Student claim codes are sent annually to parents/guardians.

For more information about SchooLinks, view this presentation and/or see your student's school counselor.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What is Schoolinks?
- Where do students access Schoolinks?
- How can I use Schoolinks with my child?
- How do I learn more or get support with Schoolinks?
- I do not know my child's claim code-what do I do?
- How can my child track service/volunteer hours in SchooLinks?
- Does SchooLinks have ACT/SAT test prep?
- How do students find unofficial high school transcripts on Schoolinks?

What Can Students Do in SchooLinks?

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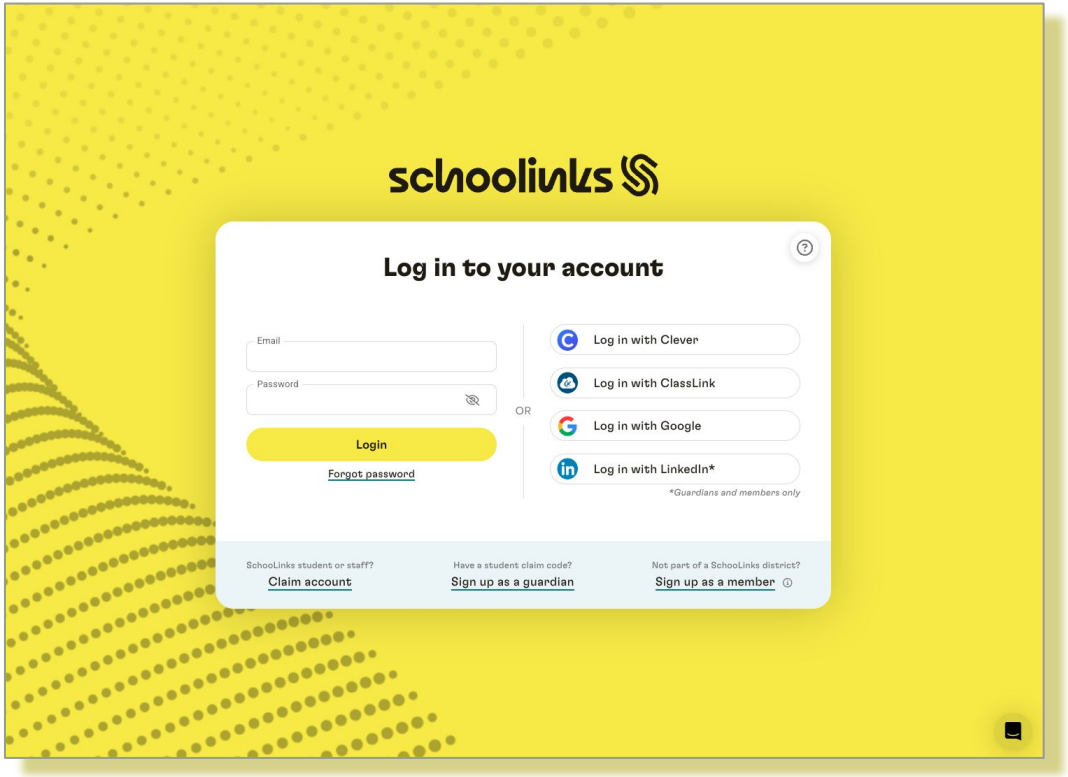
SchooLinks Login Method

Student Login:

- Navigate to **myOLSD Portal** and sign in

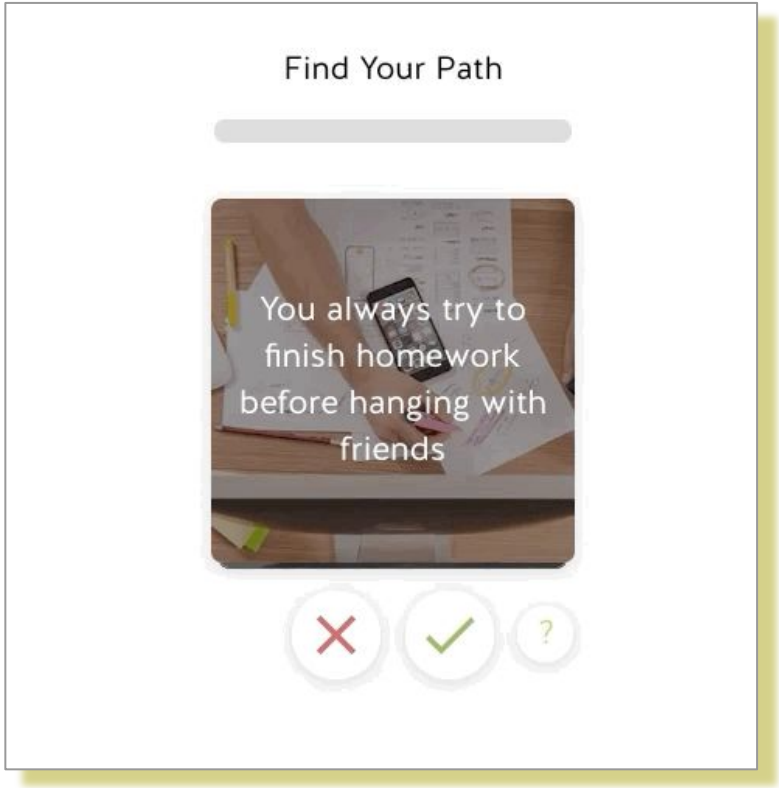


Complete Onboarding

Onboarding is a one-time, guided experience designed to prepare students to use SchooLinks. Onboarding is required upon first login only; students complete a four-step process:

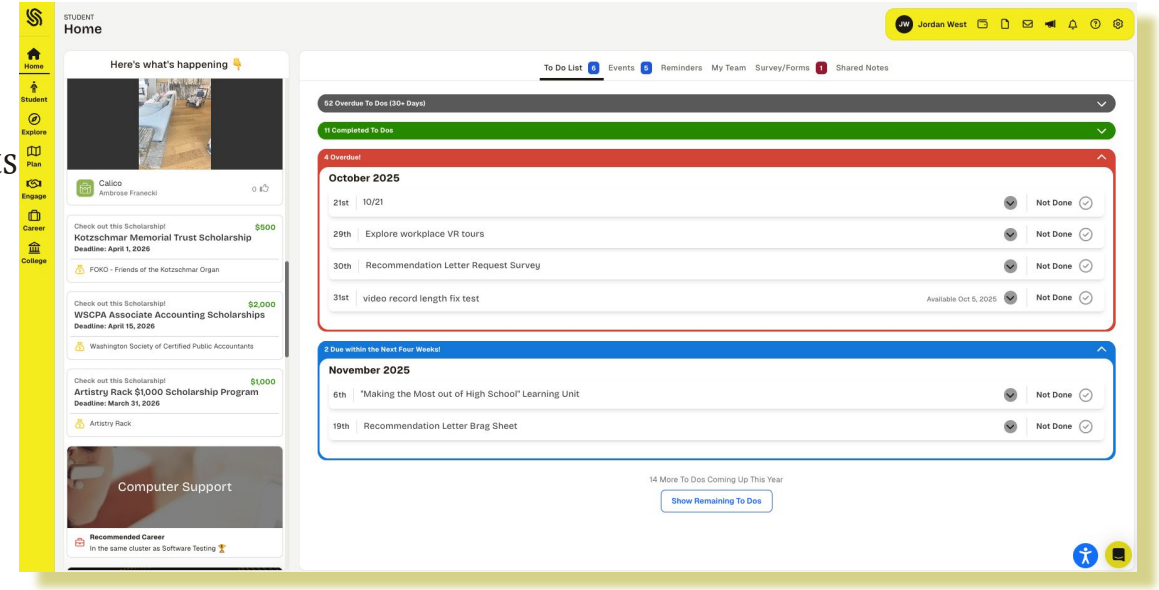
1. Complete the Find Your Path assessment
2. Choose a Career Cluster
3. Choose a Career Goal
4. Choose a Major/Training Goals

**Note: Career & Major goals selected during onboarding can be changed at any in the platform after onboarding is complete*



Student Dashboard

- Assignment To Do List
- Relevant District & School Events
- Personalized News Feed (customized based on student activity):
  - Scholarships
  - Career Information
  - College Information

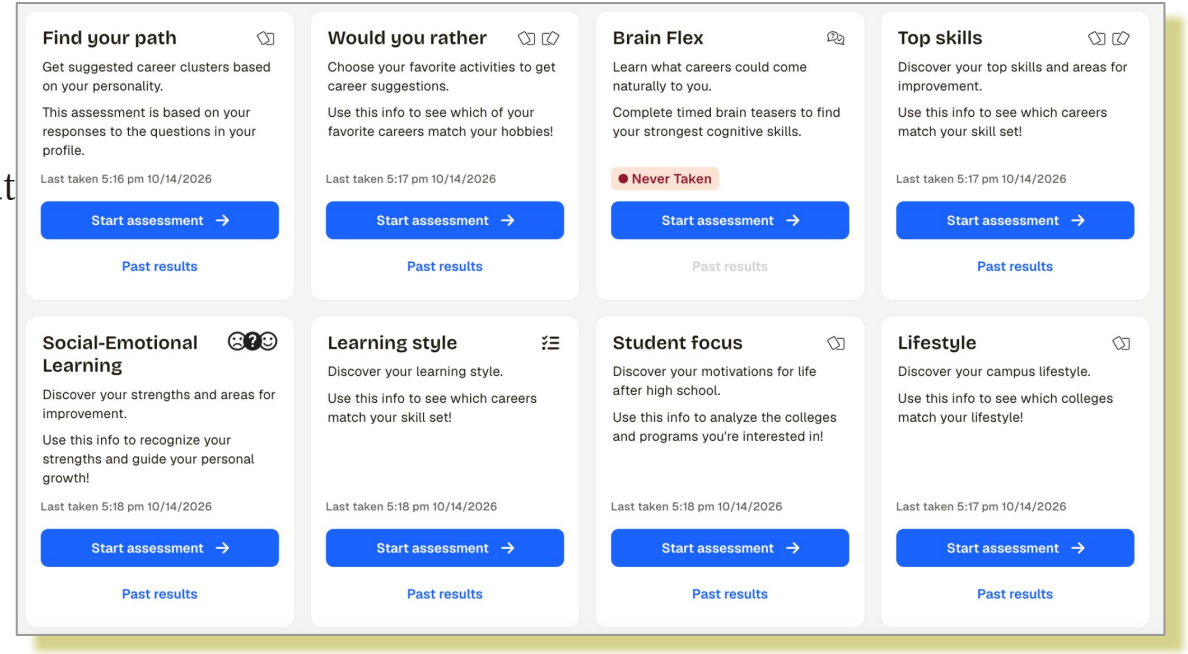


Take Assessments

Assessments provide insights into students' personalities, interests, motivations, and learning styles so they can make more informed decisions about their future.

Career suggestions are based on:

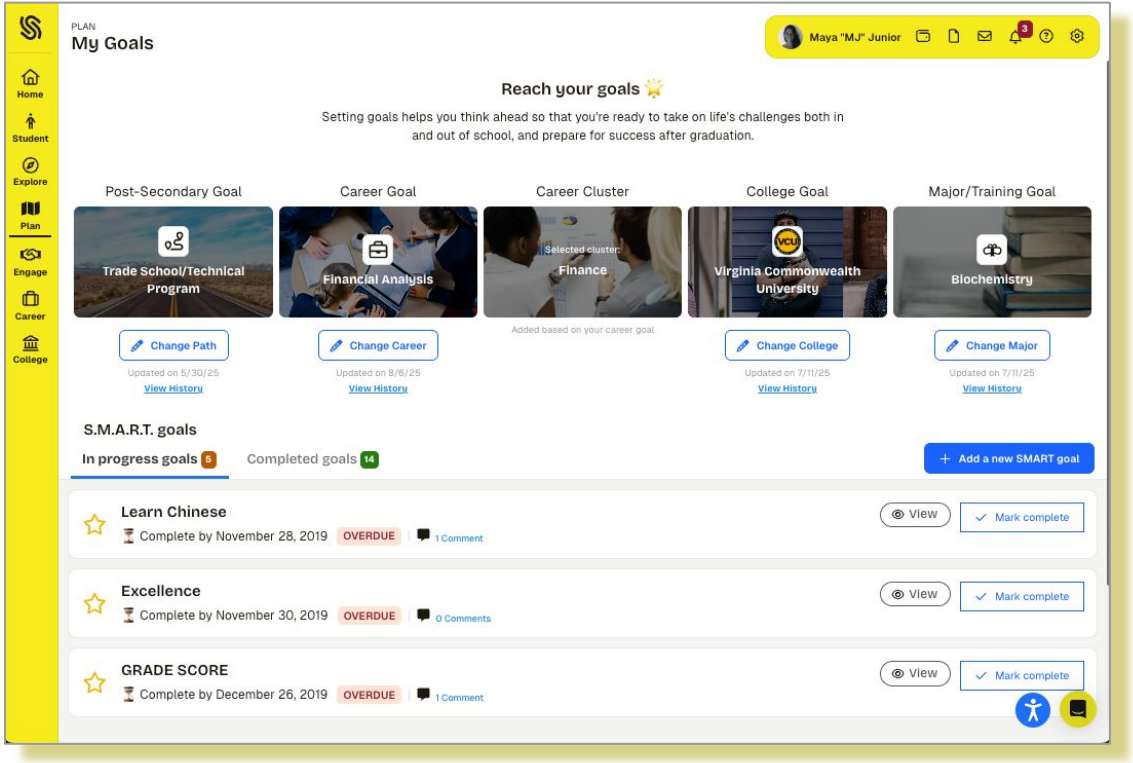
- Personality
- Hobbies/Activities
- Aptitude
- Top Skills
- Strengths/Weaknesses
- Learning Style



Set & Achieve Goals

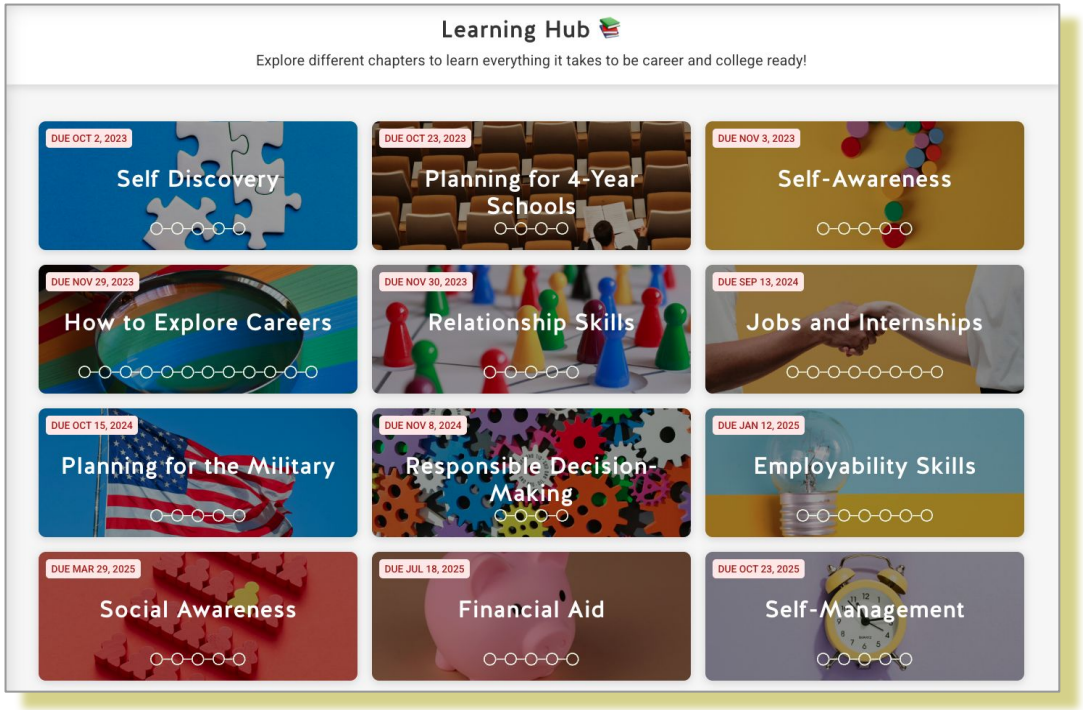
Set goals such as:

- Post-Secondary Goal
- Career Cluster/Career Goal
- College Goal
- Major/Training Goal
- Set/Track SMART Goals



Complete Lessons in the Learning Hub

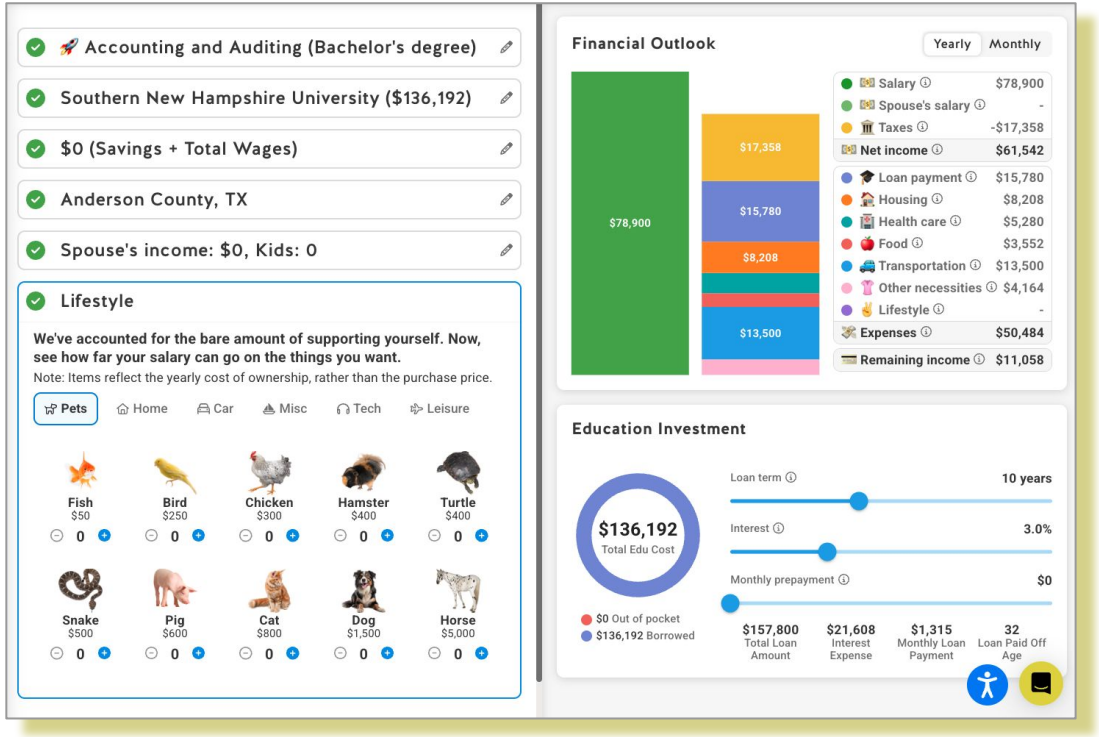
- Lessons around CCR topics such as:
  - Career Exploration
  - Self Discovery
  - Employability Skills
  - Planning for the Military
- 15-45 minutes to complete
- Students can complete in a classroom setting or independently



Play the Game of Life

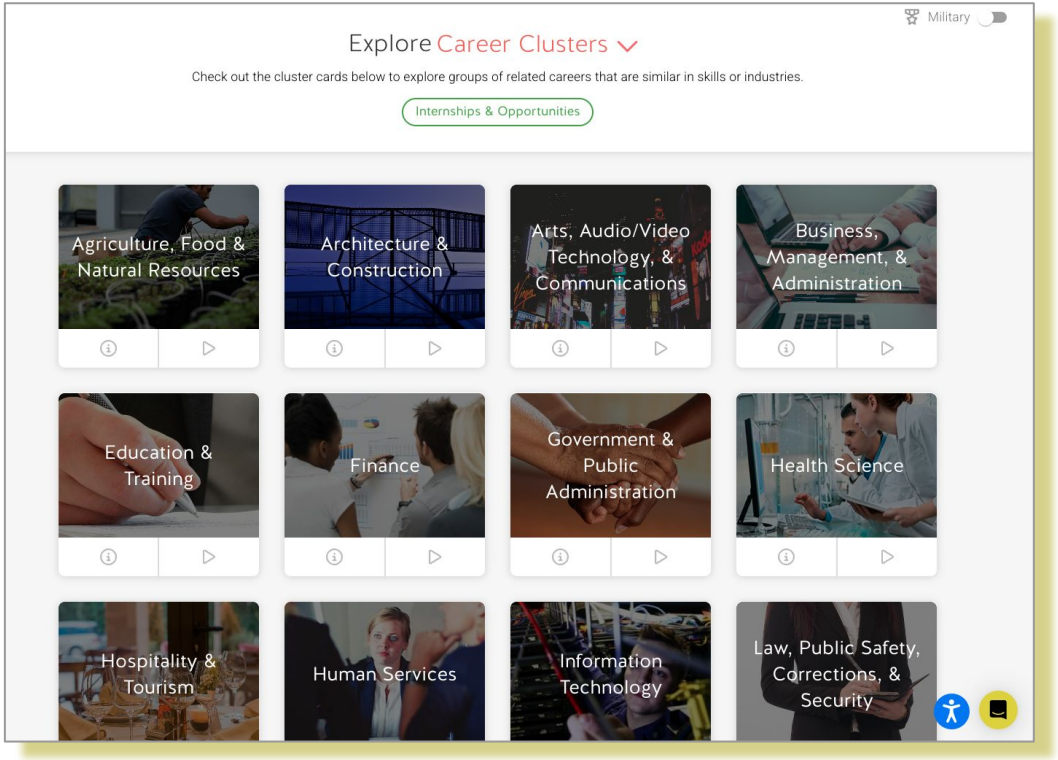
- Students begin to consider their financial future by choosing a career, educational path, and lifestyle expenses

- Helps students see how choices related to education debt and career choice will impact their long-term financial situation



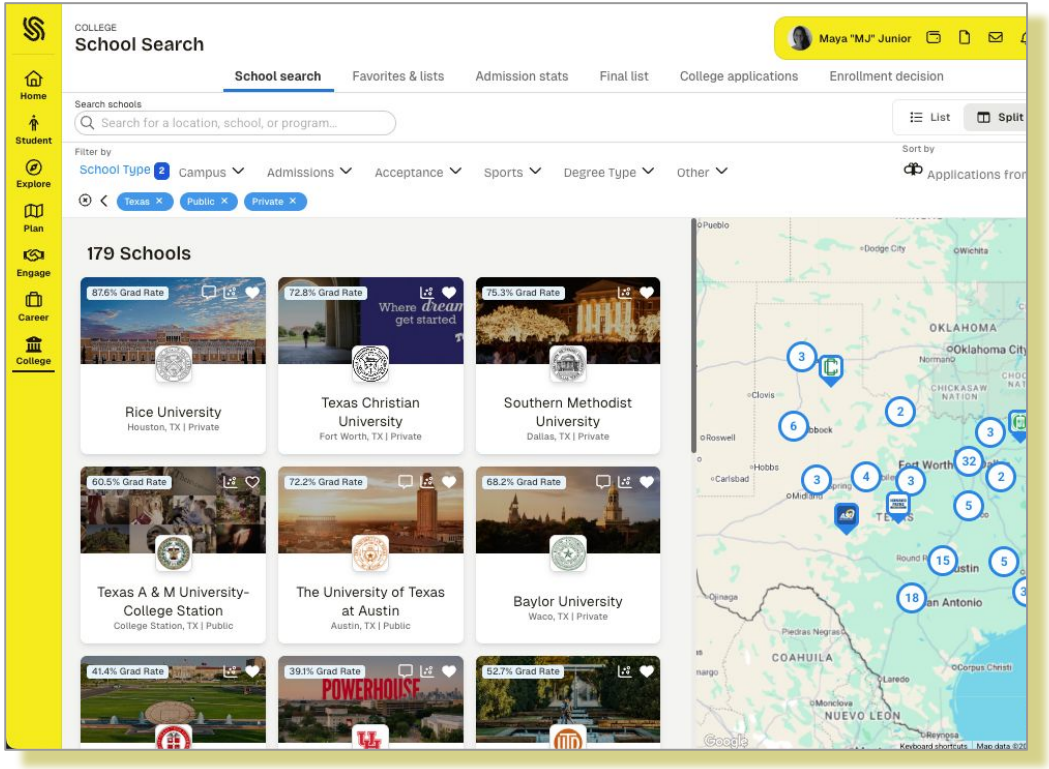
Explore Careers

- Explore careers and career clusters
- Filter by hot careers, military careers, degree needed, and more
- Explore job openings and common careers in specific states



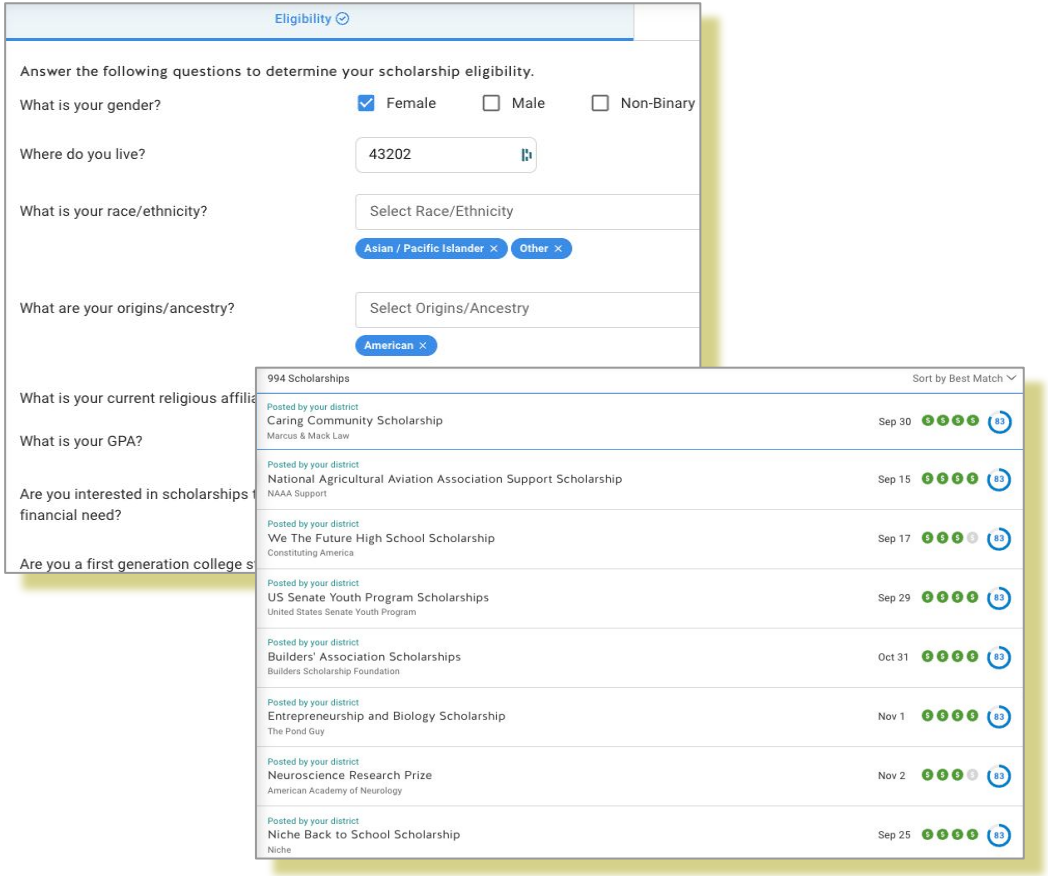
Explore Colleges

- Explore colleges and universities programs offered
- Take virtual tours of college campuses
- Favorite colleges and majors
- Build a Final List of schools to which they plan to apply



Get Matched With Scholarships

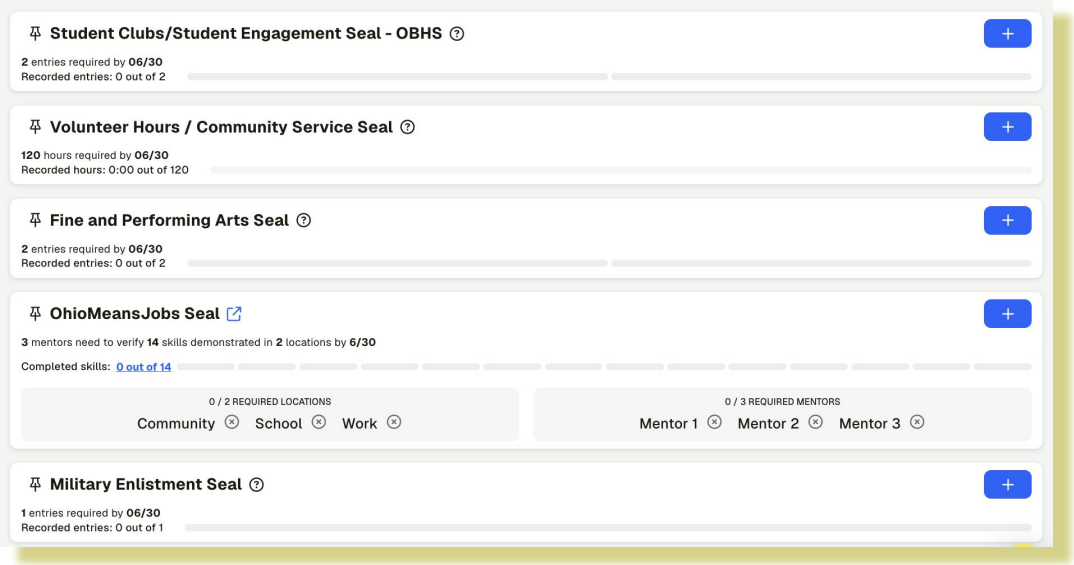
- View scholarships from public sources as well as those added by the district
- Create a Match Profile based on eligibility, interests, and colleges
- Sort scholarships based on “Best Match”
- Navigate directly to the scholarship’s website or application from SchooLinks



Experience Tracking

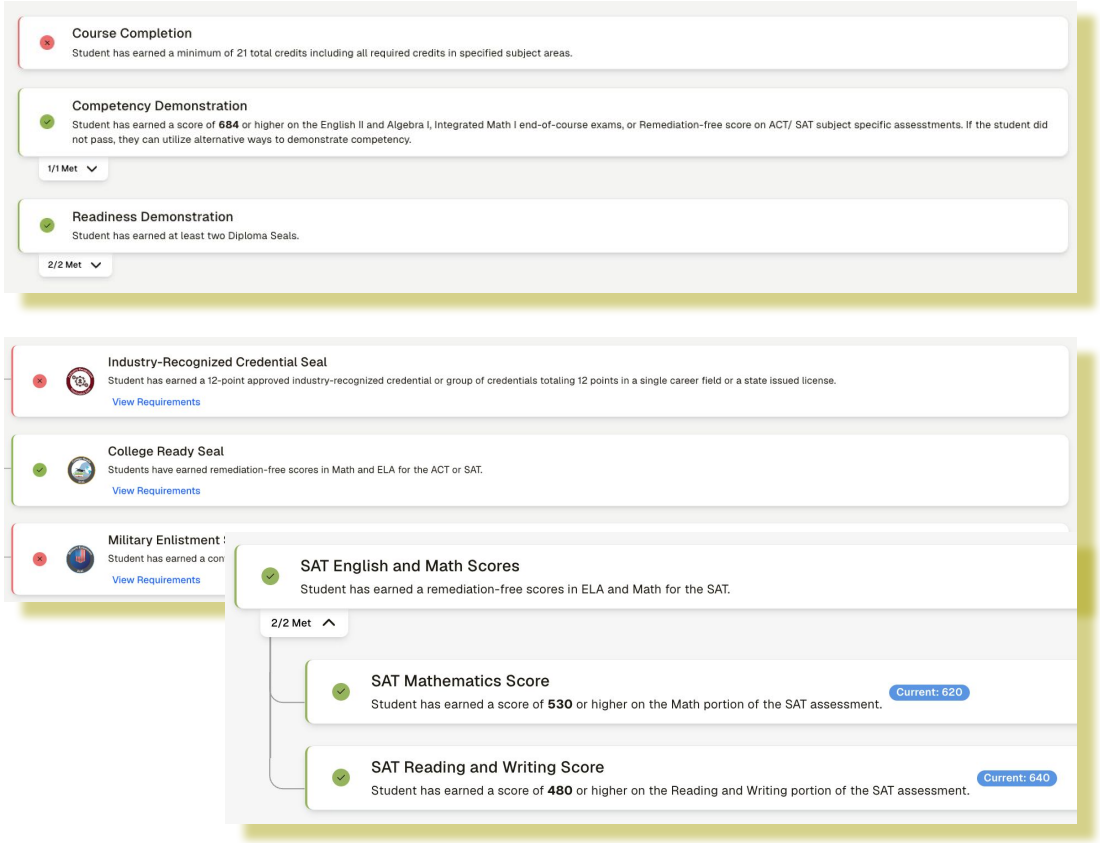
- Student-led process for logging activities/experiences

- Activities include:
  - Clubs/Student Engagement Seal
  - Volunteer Hours/Community Service Seal
  - Fine & Performing Arts Seal
  - OhioMeansJobs Seal
  - Career Fair Participation
  - Job Shadowing
  - Internships



Graduation Requirement Tracking

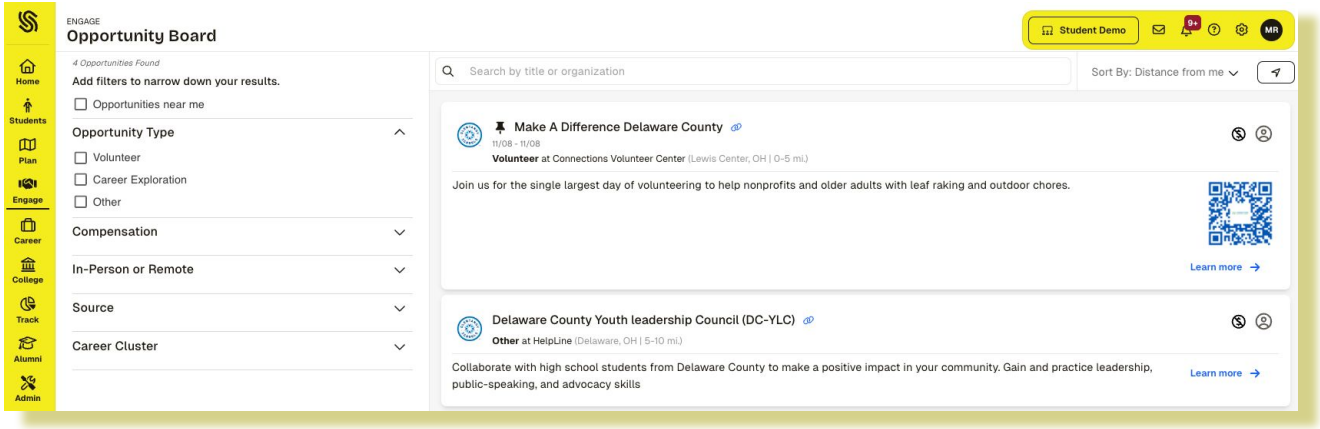
- View your students' progress towards graduation requirements:
  - Course Completion
  - Competency Demonstration
  - Readiness Demonstration (Seals)
- View detailed information about how each requirement was/was not earned



Opportunity Board

Student access to local

- Internships
- Summer Work Experiences
- Leadership Opportunities
- Workshops on career fields/majors
- Community Service



Access Your Guardian Account

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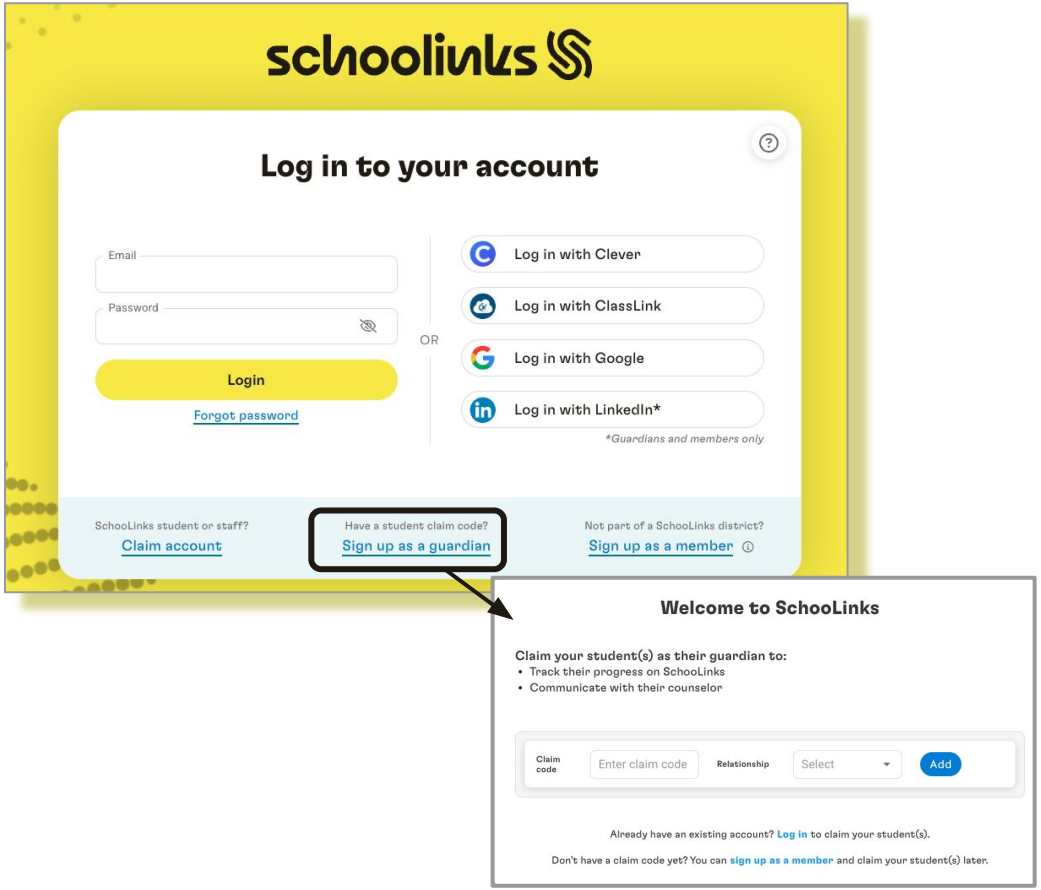
Claim Your Guardian Account (Claim Code)

Claim codes were sent via **ParentSquare** on **Monday, September 28th**

Students over 18 need to invite their guardians.

Go to app.schoolinks.com

- Click Sign up as a guardian
- Enter your student's 6 digit claim code and select your relationship to the student
- Click +Add additional student if you need to claim more than one student
- Choose your account signup method



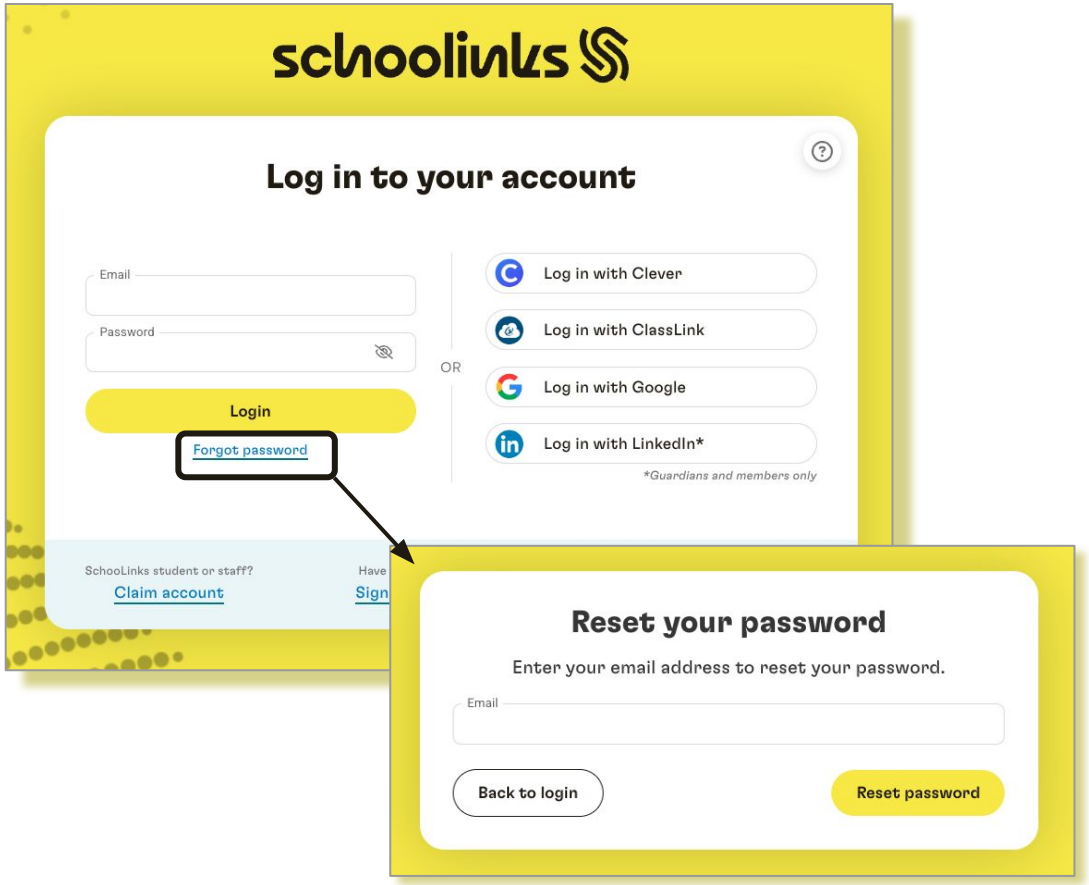
[Onboarding for Guardians (Claimed Accounts)](#)

Login to Your Guardian Account

Go to app.schoolinks.com

Choose the login method you used to claim your account

- Email & Password
- Login with LinkedIn
- Login with Google



What Can Guardians Do In SchooLinks?

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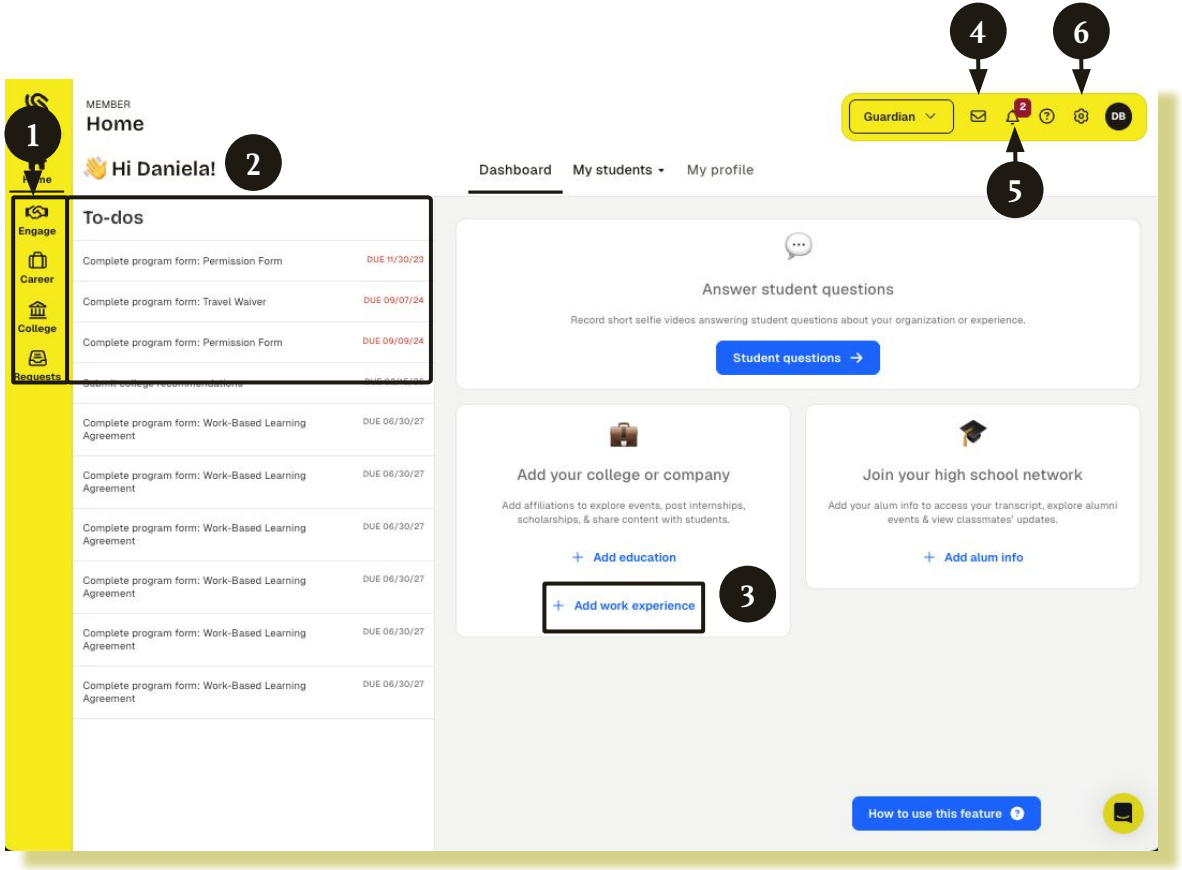
Explore Your Guardian Dashboard

Your guardian dashboard gives you access to a variety of tools designed to help you track your student's progress and post-secondary success.

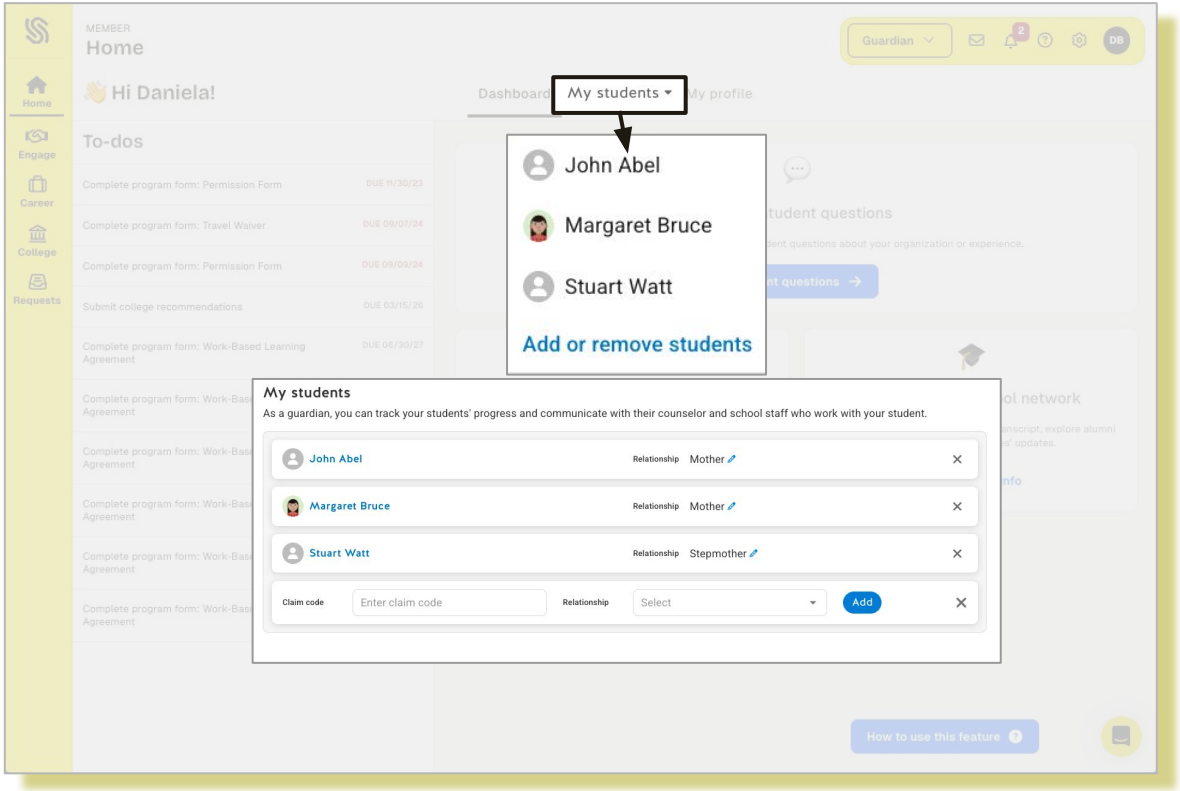
1. Navigate to other areas of SchooLinks
2. Guardian To Dos
3. Add work affiliations
4. Access settings
    - Account settings
    - Language translation



Access Your Student

From your dashboard you can access your student/s by clicking the dropdown.

Click Add or remove students to edit your students.



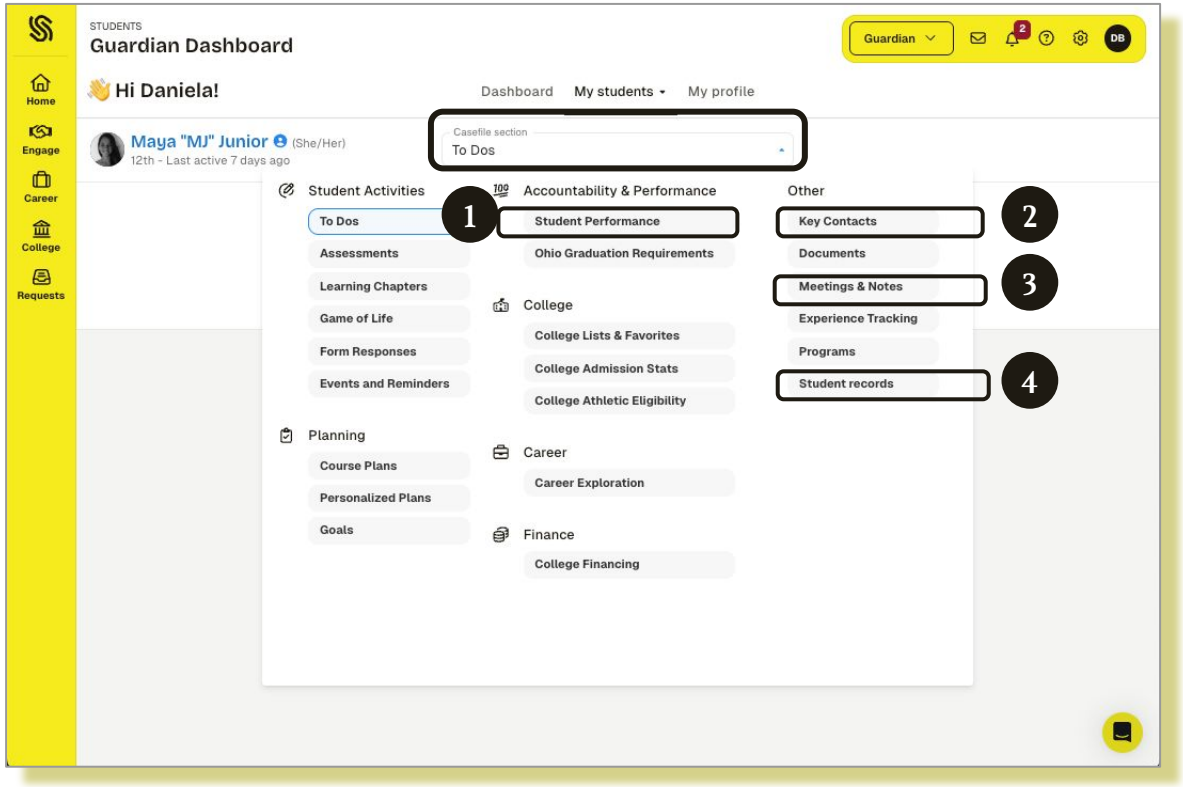
Casefile Sections

The student casefile provides guardians with insights into the various activities students are completing in SchooLinks.

After selecting your student, click the Casefile section dropdown to view all of your student's casefile sections. Some notable sections include:

1. Your student's scores, rank, and GPA
2. View key district contacts for your student
3. Student records such as transcript requests

And MORE!



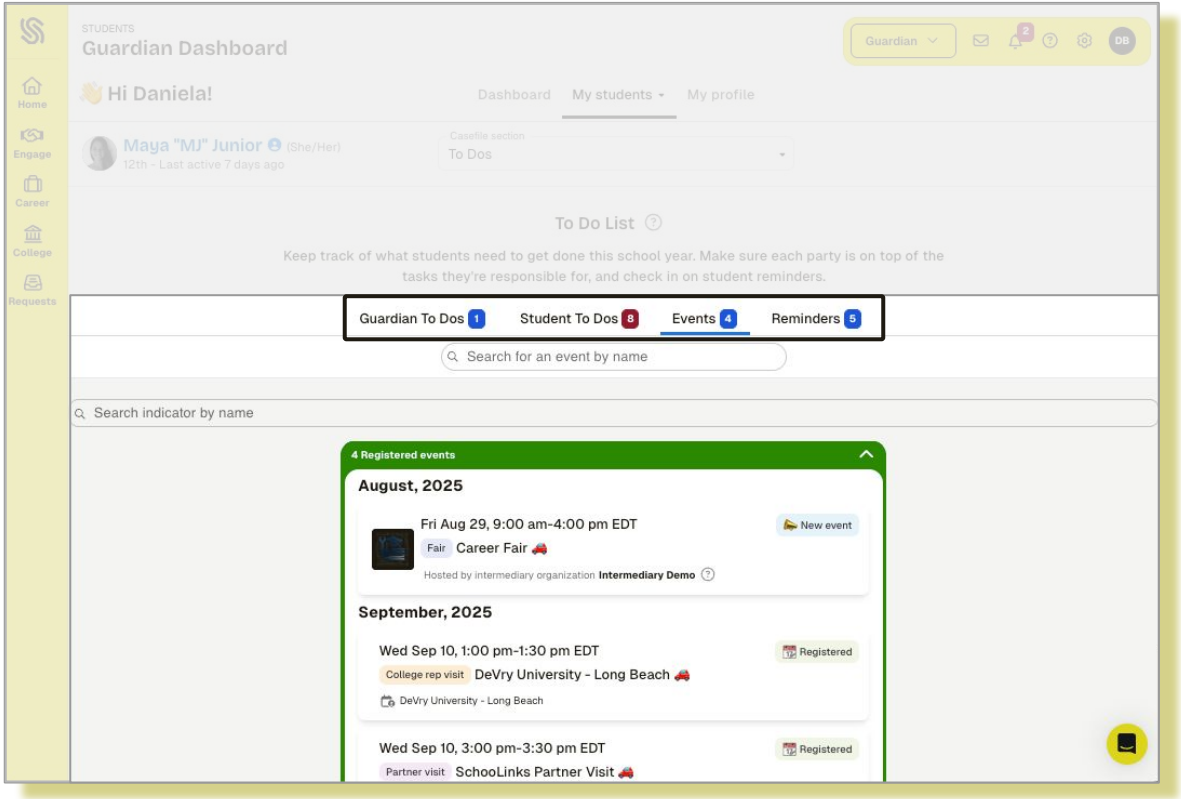
View To Dos & Events

By default, the To Do section opens to the Guardian To Do list.

However, you can also click each tab to view:

- Your student's To Dos
- District events
- Relevant reminders

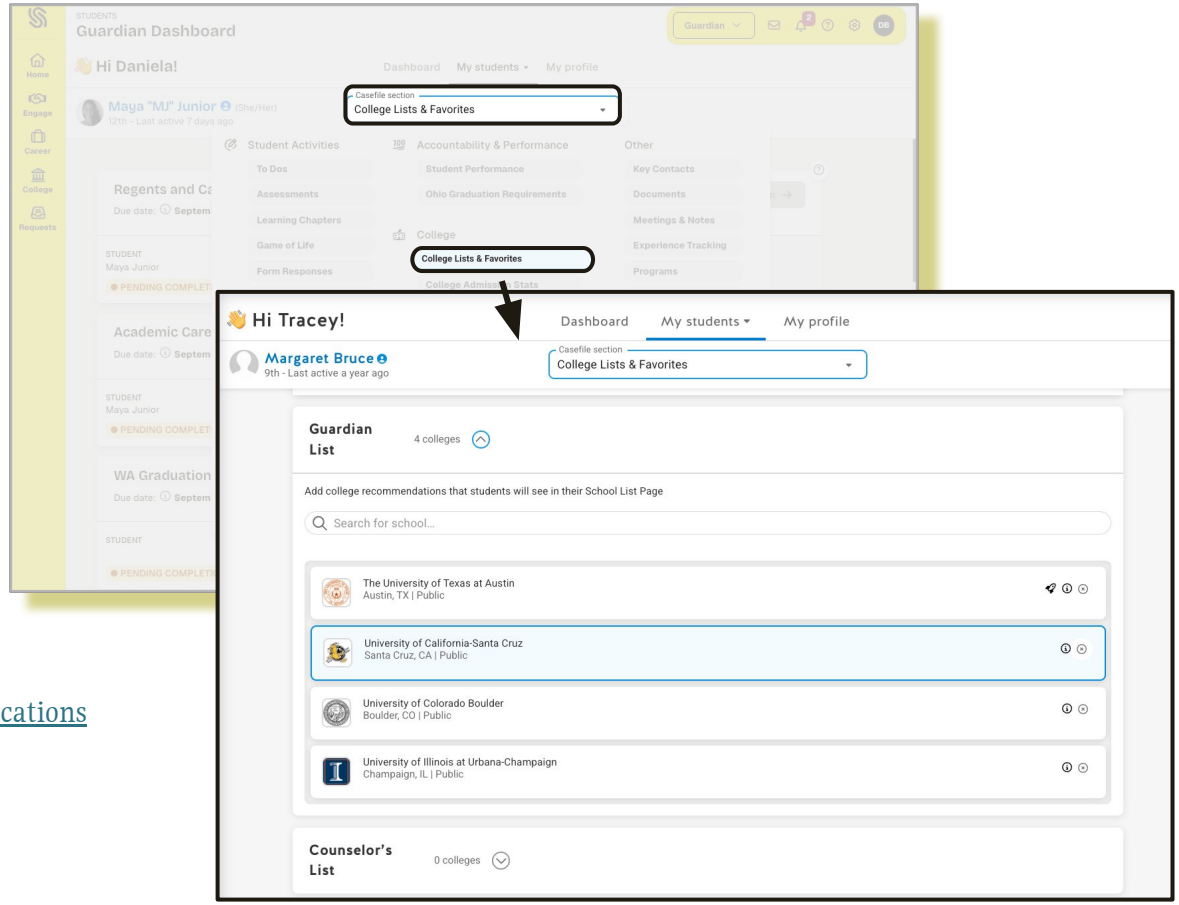
[How to View & Register for Events]



Recommend Schools for Student's Applications

Click College Lists & Favorites from the casefile section dropdown to:

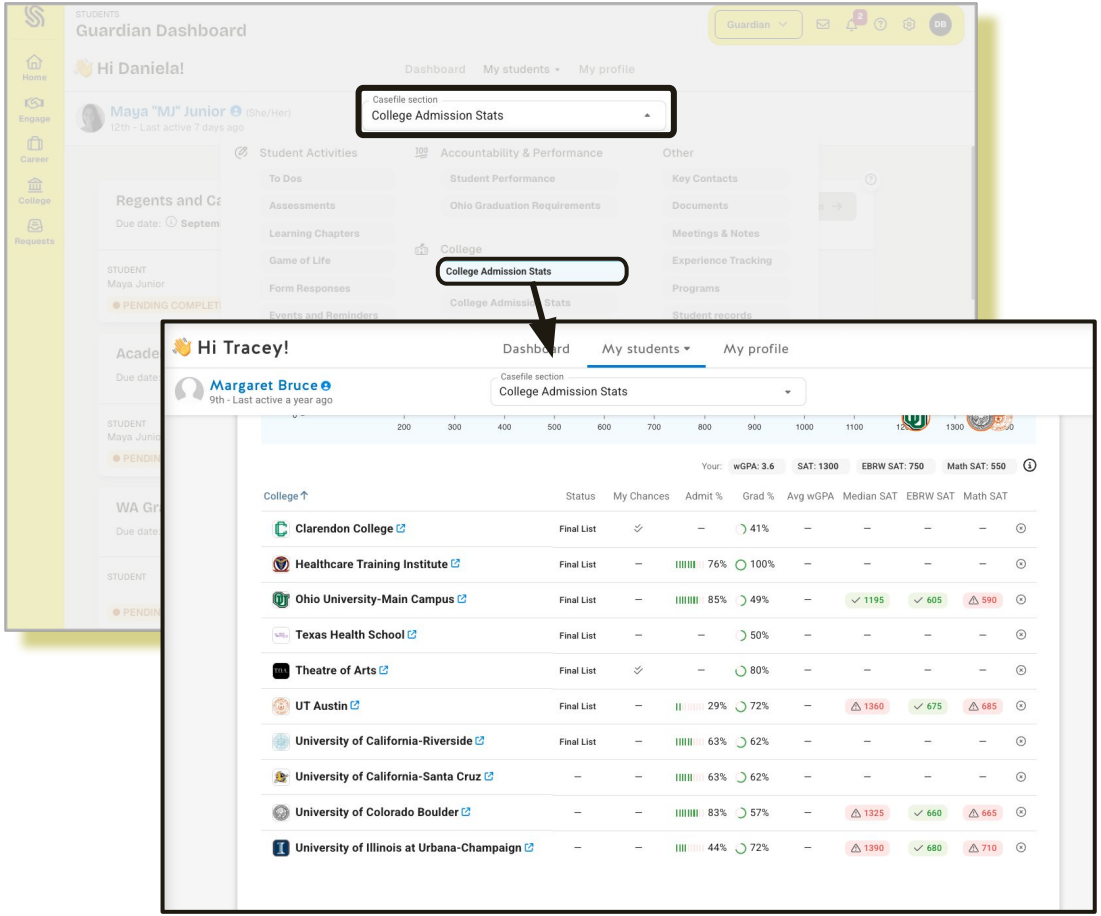
- View favorited schools, programs, school lists, the counselor list of recommended colleges
- View and comment on a student's Final List
- Make a college recommendation (Guardian's List)



Recommend Schools for Student College Applications

View Student's College Admission Stats

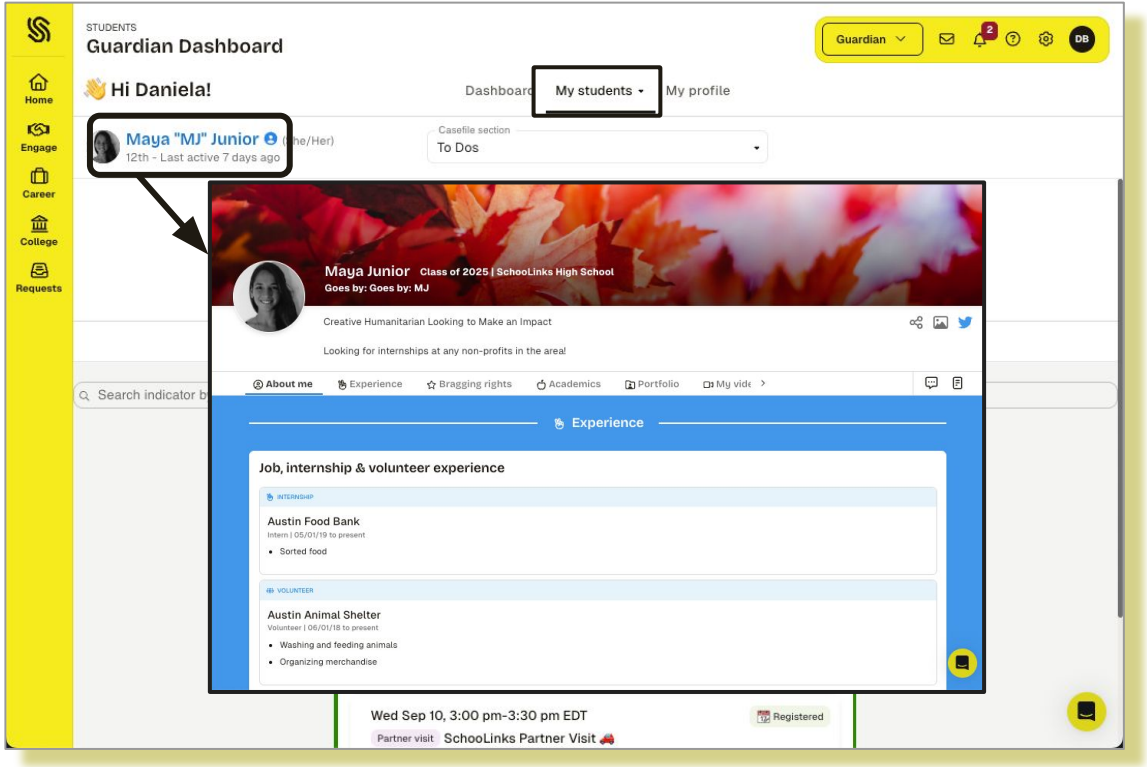
Click College Admission Stats from the casefile section dropdown to compare the student's test scores and GPA to all enrolled students at their colleges of interest.



Access Your Student's Profile

After selecting your student, click your student's name to view their profile. Student profiles include:

- Goals
- Experiences
- Academics
- Credentials
- Videos
- References



College Application Manager

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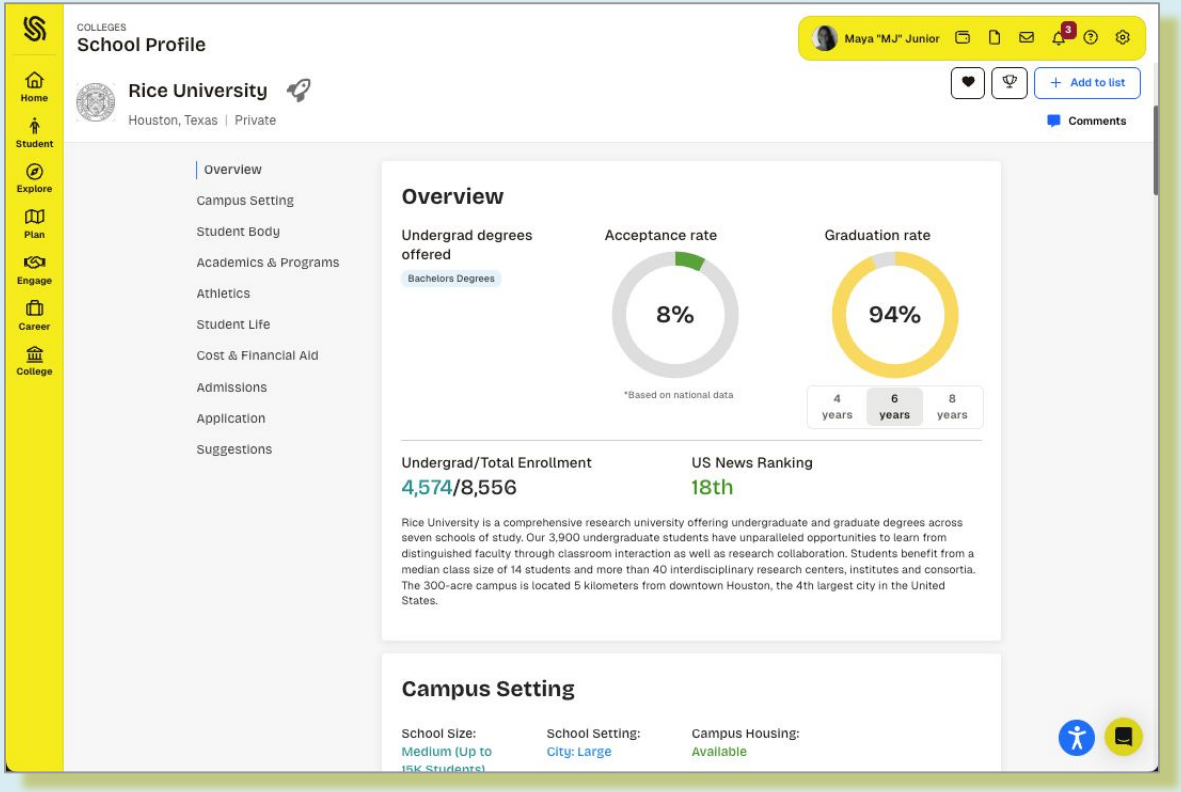
Research Schools

Students explore school profiles to:

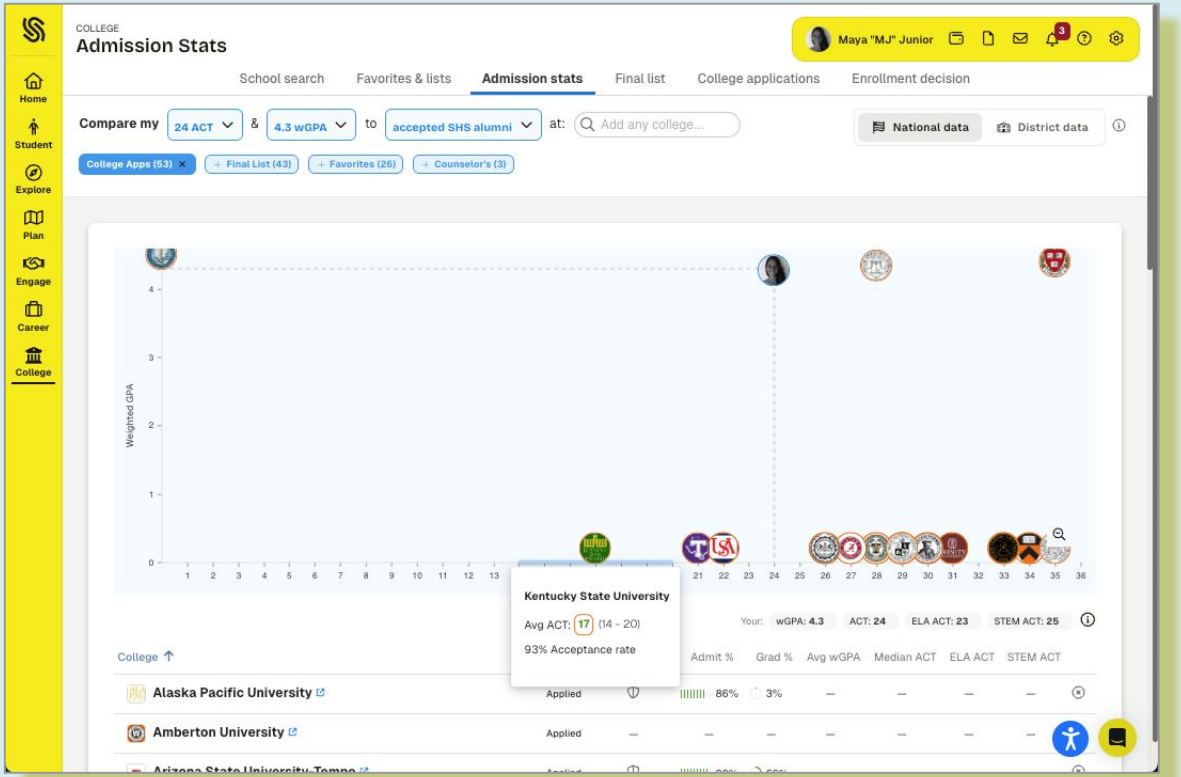
- Learn about admission stats, campus life, application requirements, and more!
- Watch current student videos
- Favorite, set as goal, & add to a school list



Compare College Admission Stats

The Admission stats tab allows students to compare their test scores & GPA to national & district college admissions data

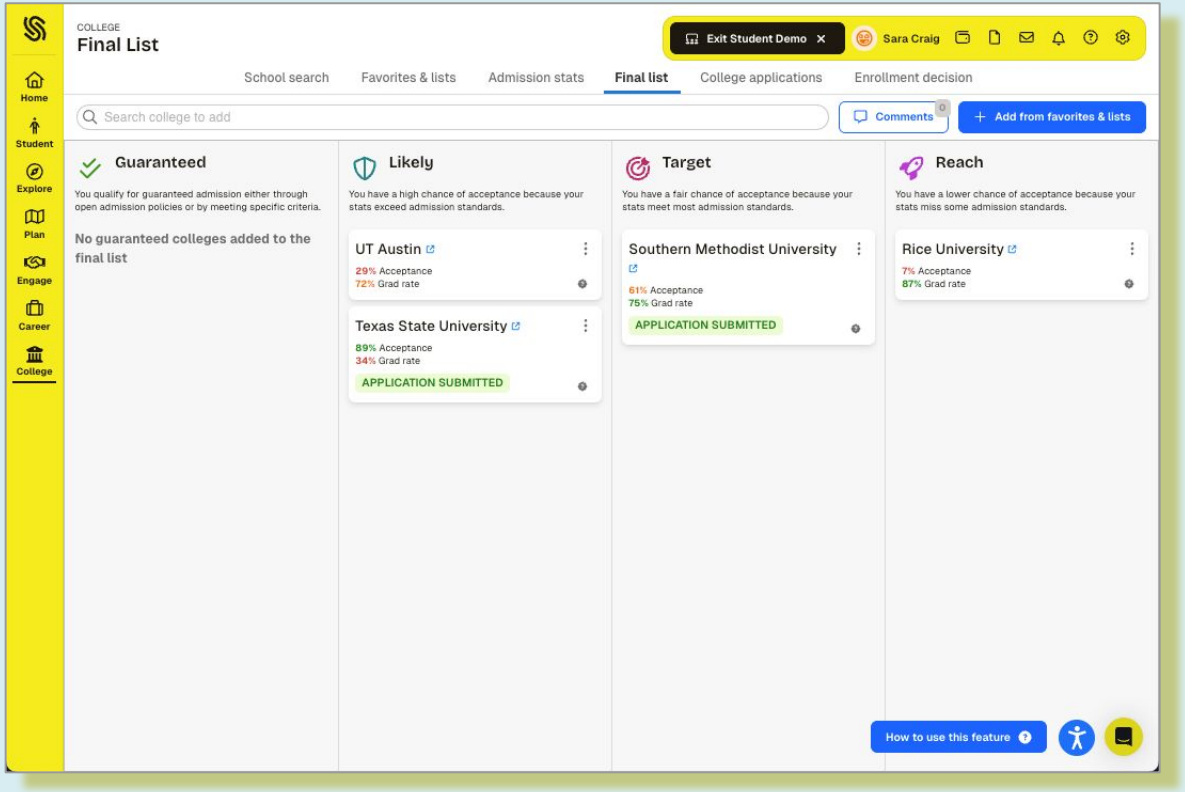
They can manually add their test scores and GPA if they have not been added by the district



Create a Final List

Students can organize schools of interest by likelihood of acceptance

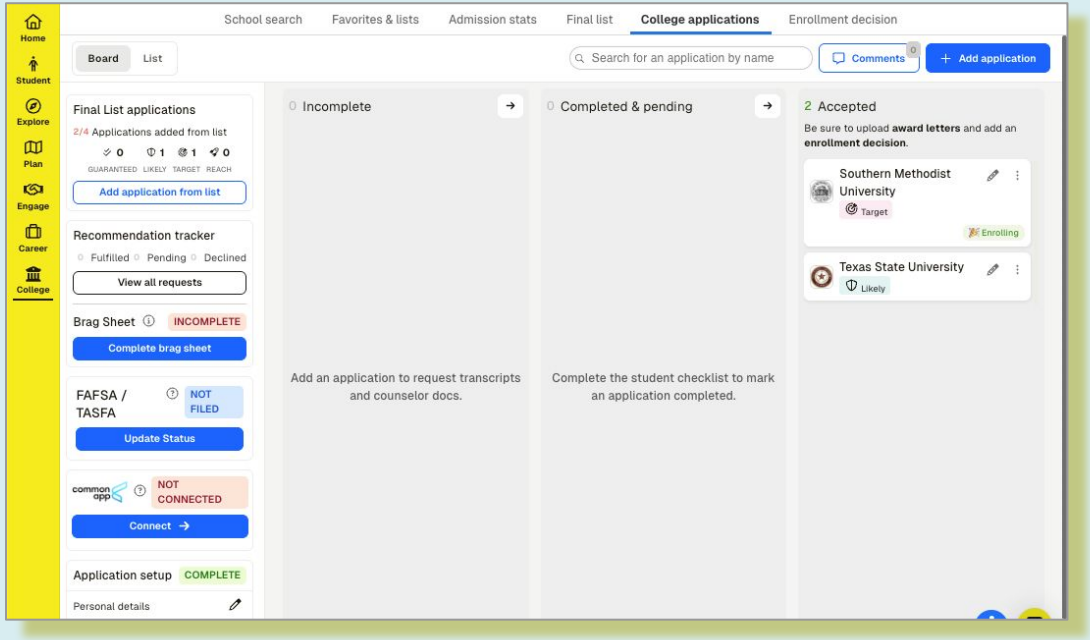
The required minimum for each category customizable at the district & school level



Manage the College Application Process

The College Application Manager helps students stay organized and track college applications:

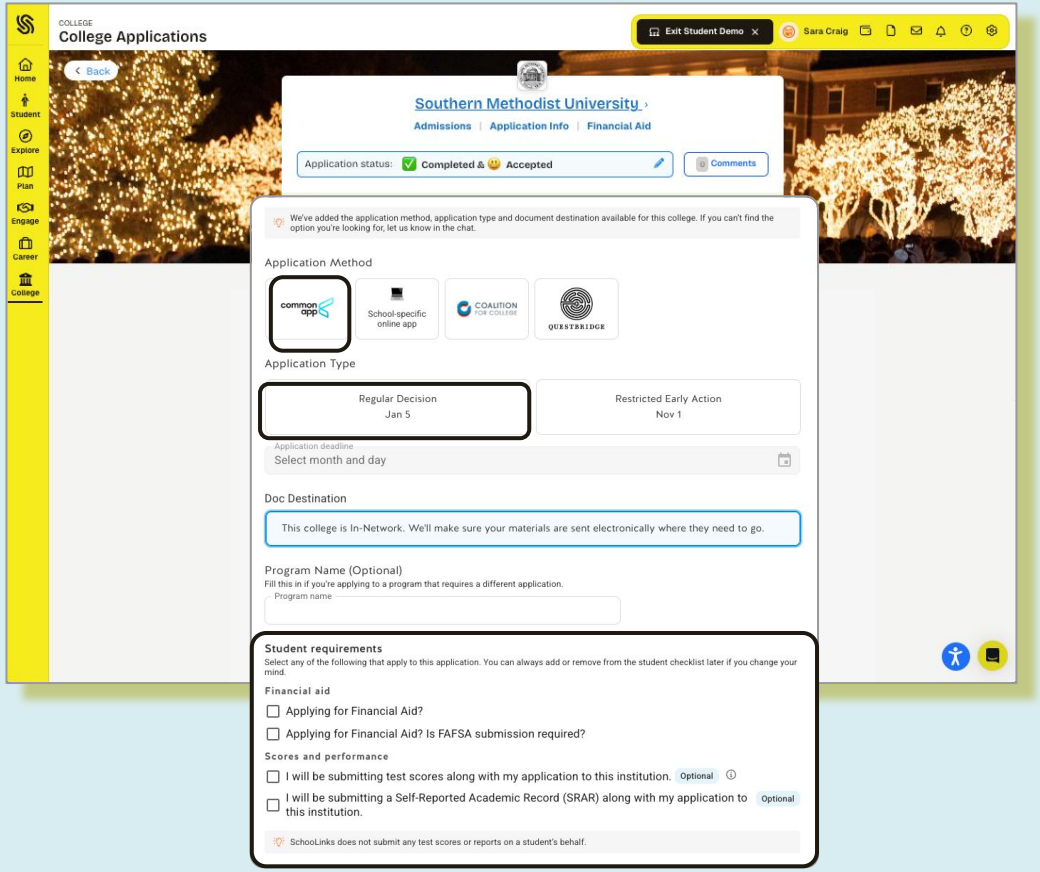
- Manage individual college application requirements
- Request all application materials electronically
- Report application results
- Indicate their enrollment plans



View Application Details

Upon adding an application, students will be prompted to select:

- Application Method
- Application Type
- Student Requirements



Manage Application Requirements

Student Checklist

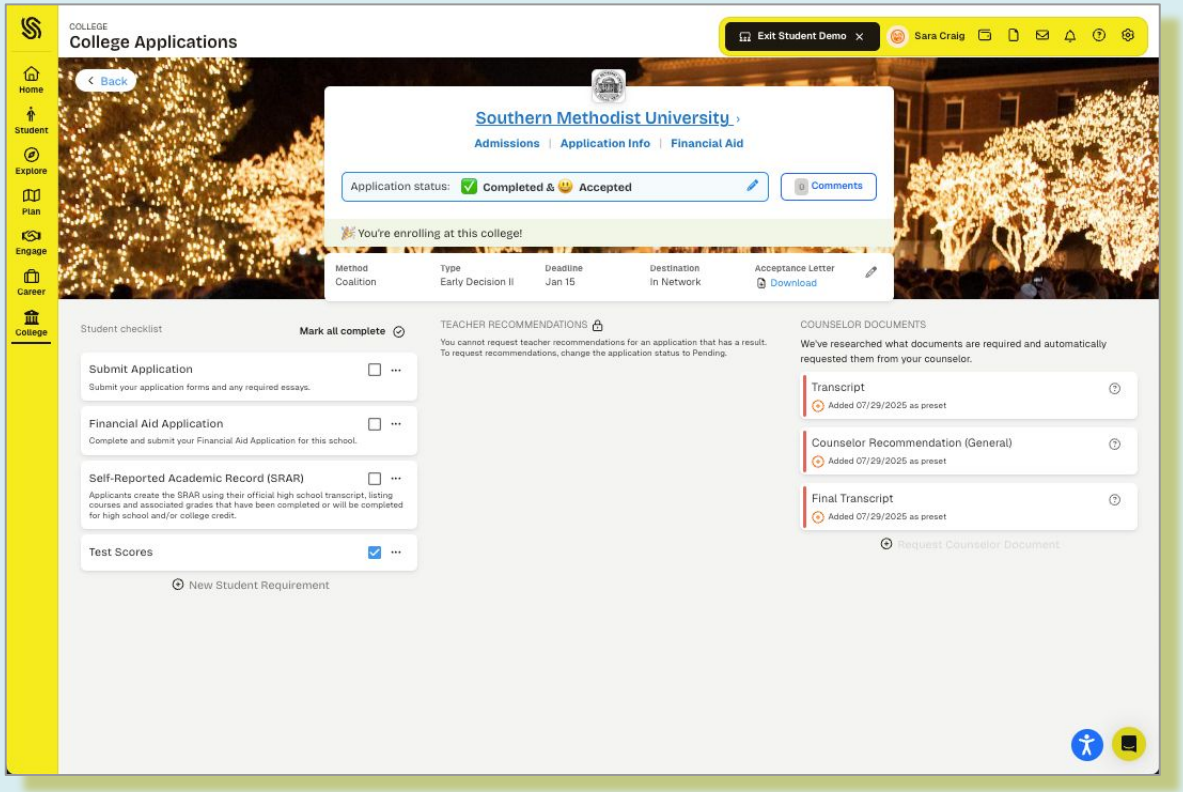
- Items to be completed by student
- Optional items can be added/removed

Teacher Recommendations

- Shows required number of recommendations with instructions

Counselor Documents

- Shows requested counselor documents
- Cannot be edited by student

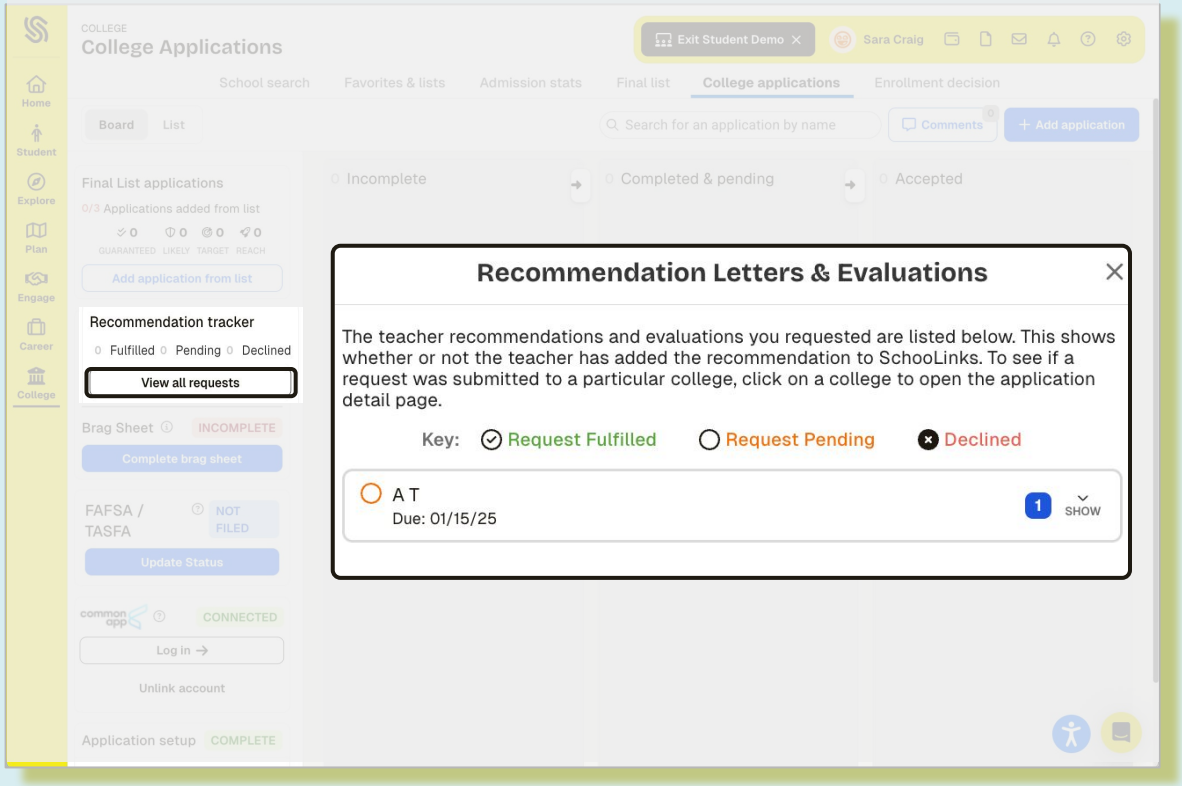


Track Recommendation Letter Status

View recommenders and colleges along with status:

- Fulfilled
- Pending
- Declined

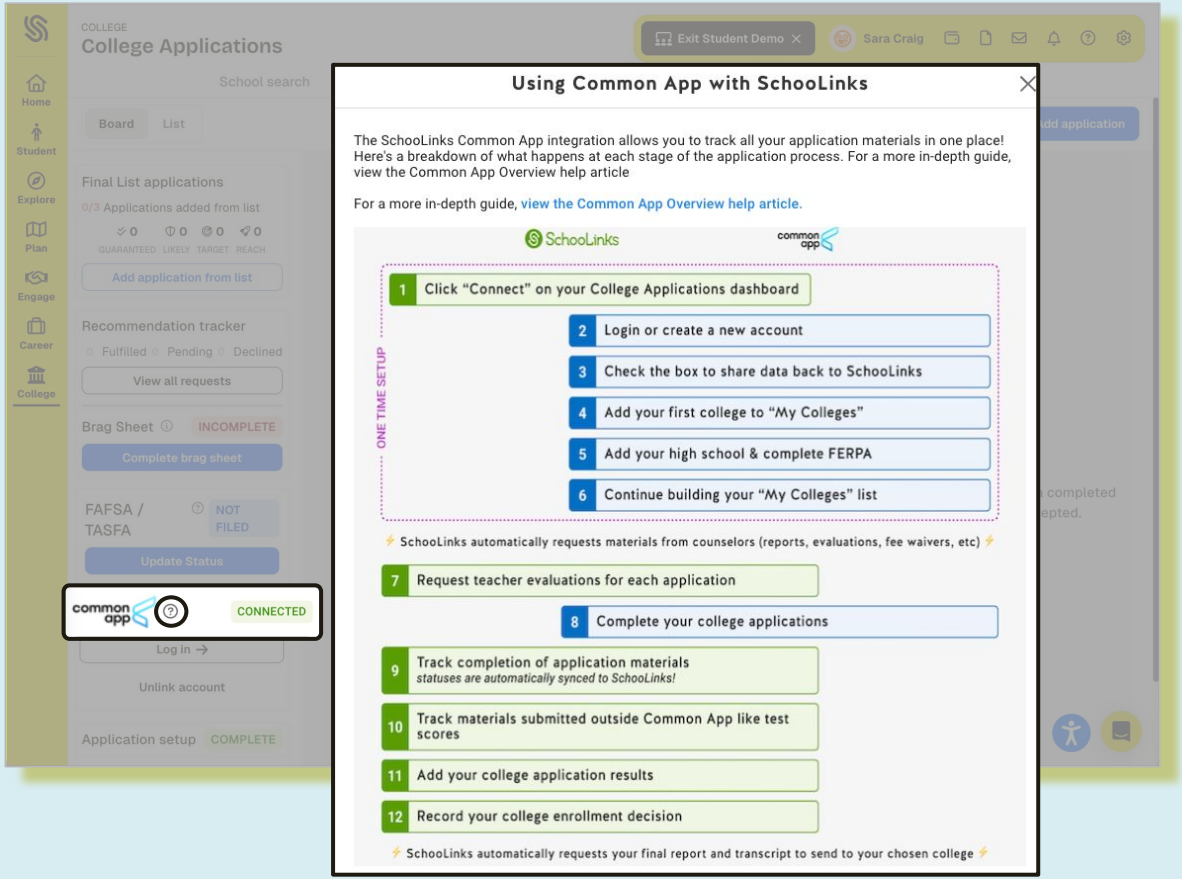
**Note: Students are not able to see their letters of recommendation, even if they have not waived their right to them.*



Using Common App with SchooLinks

SchooLinks integrates and shares information to and from Common App.

- Select the **?** icon in side panel Common App section to view the Help Guide
- Once sent to Common App, students are taken on a step-by-step walkthrough of the process

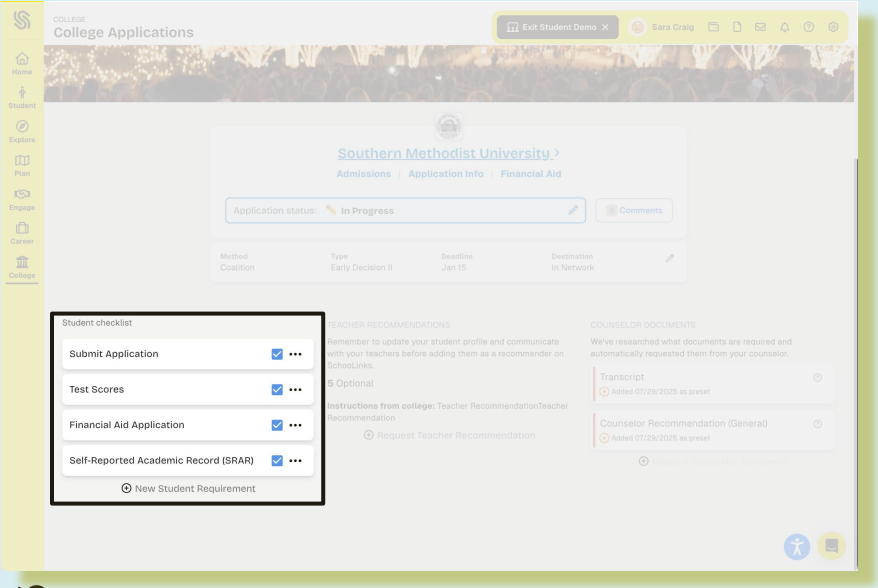


Complete the Student Checklist

Students move each applications from Incomplete to Completed & Pending by self-reporting that every item on the student checklist is marked as complete.

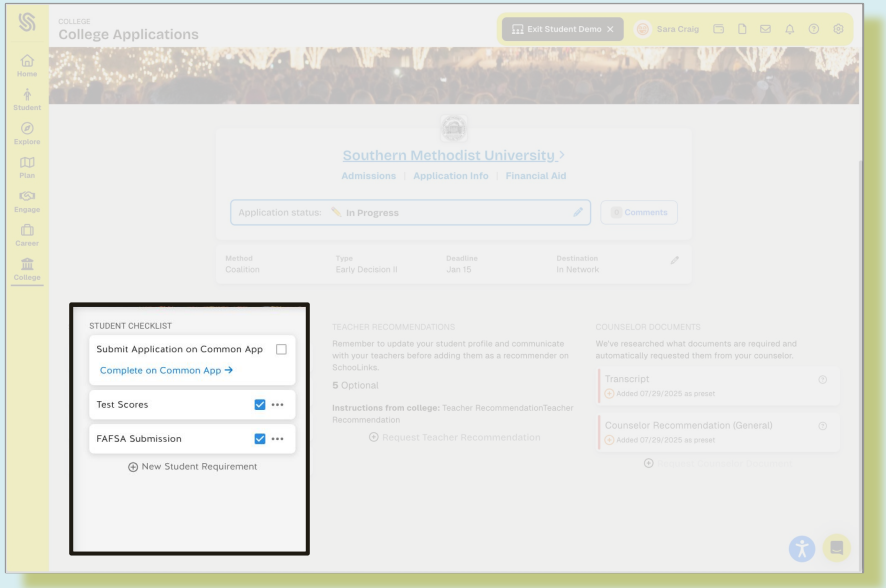
In-Network Applications

Student must manually mark all checklist items as complete once they complete the task outside of SchooLinks



Common App Applications

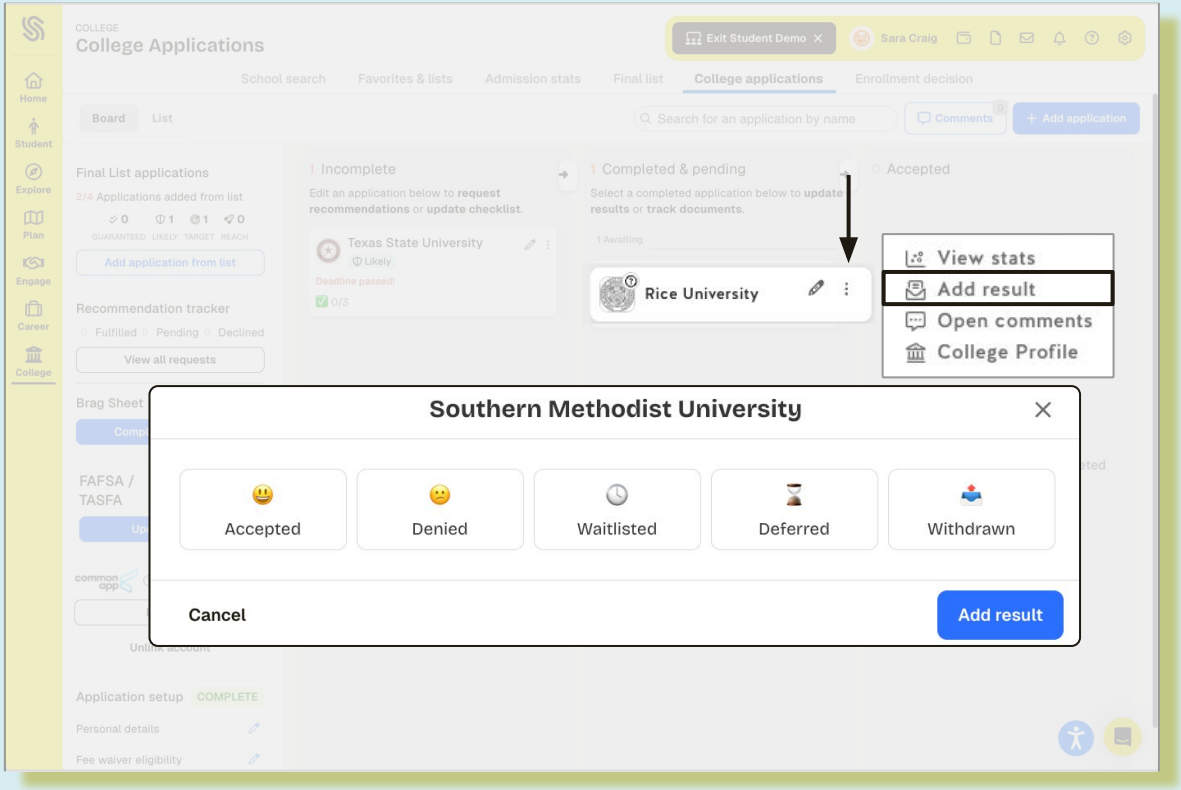
Once student submit their app in Common App the Submit Application item will be auto-marked. All other items must be marked manually



Report Application Results

To add an application result:

- Click the three dots
- Select Add result
- Select result

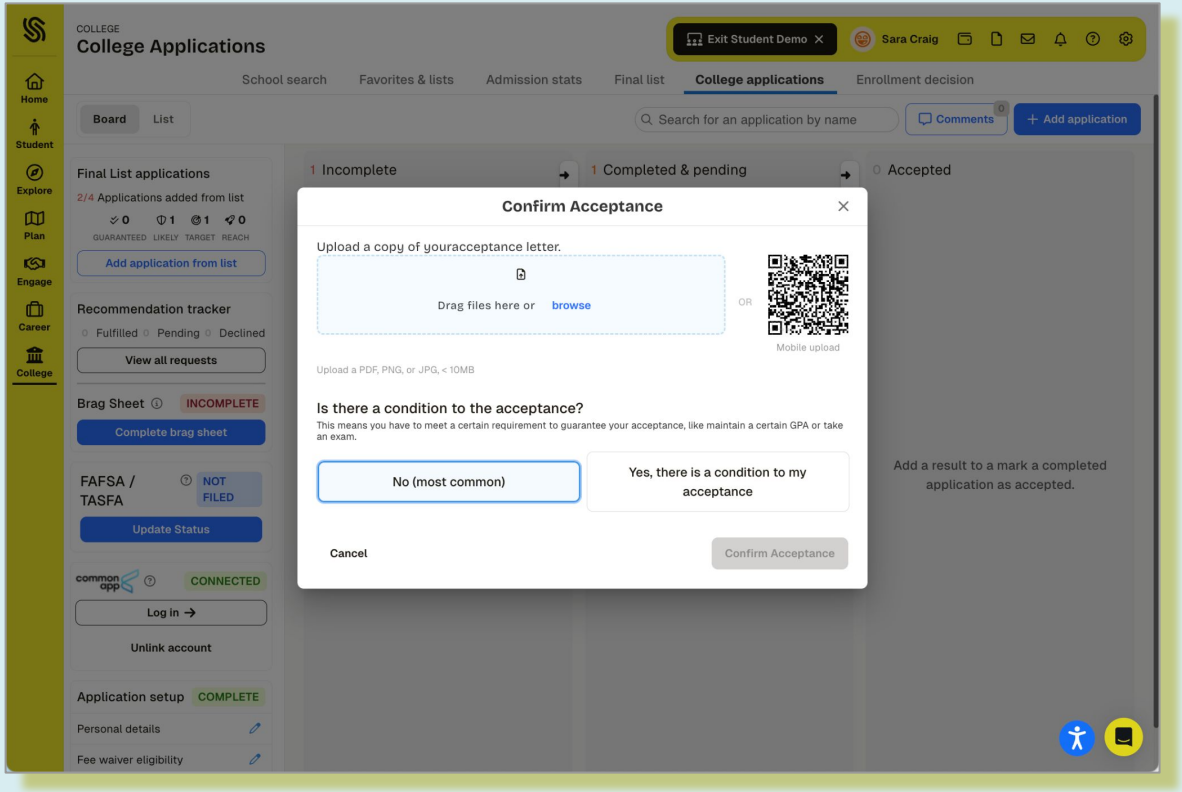


Confirm Acceptance

If configured, students will be prompted to upload verification of their acceptance

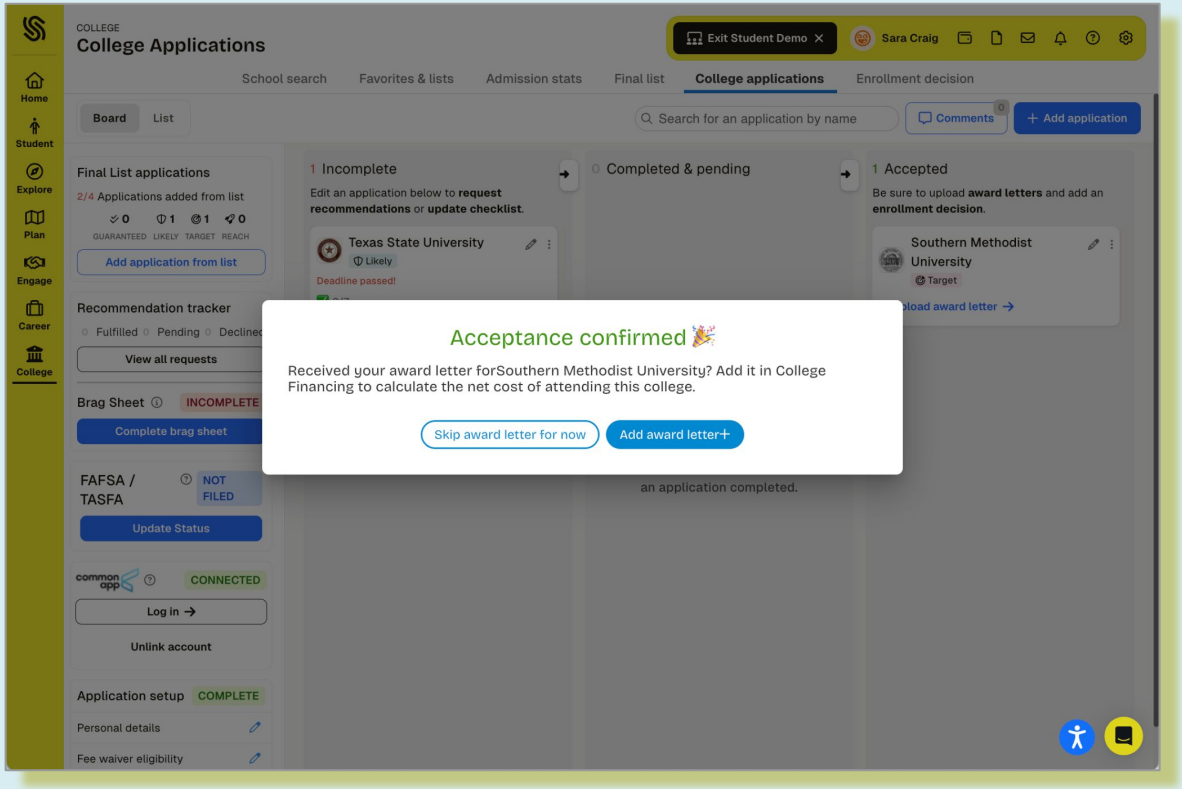
**Note: Asking for verification helps improve accuracy of reporting*

They will specify whether or not there is a condition to the their acceptance



Add Award Letter

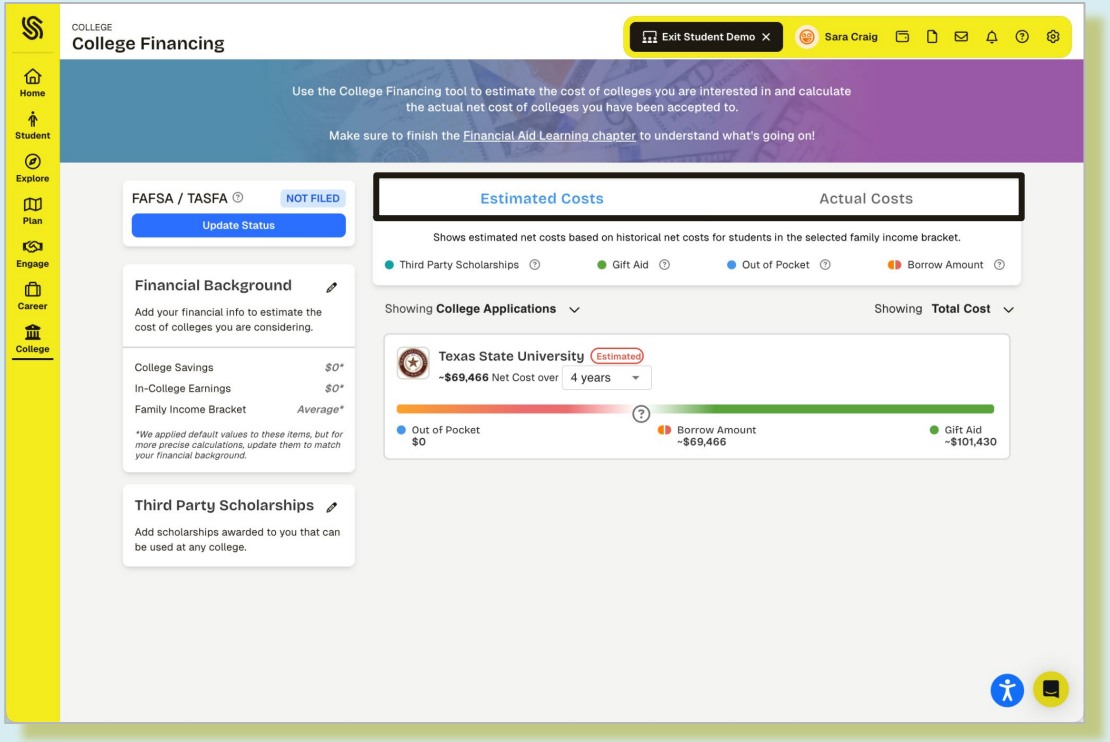
Upon confirming acceptance, students will be prompted to add their Financial Aid Award Letter



Use College Financing

Students can use College Financing to:

- view estimated costs for colleges of interest
- calculate & compare actual costs of colleges accepted into to make an informed enrollment decision

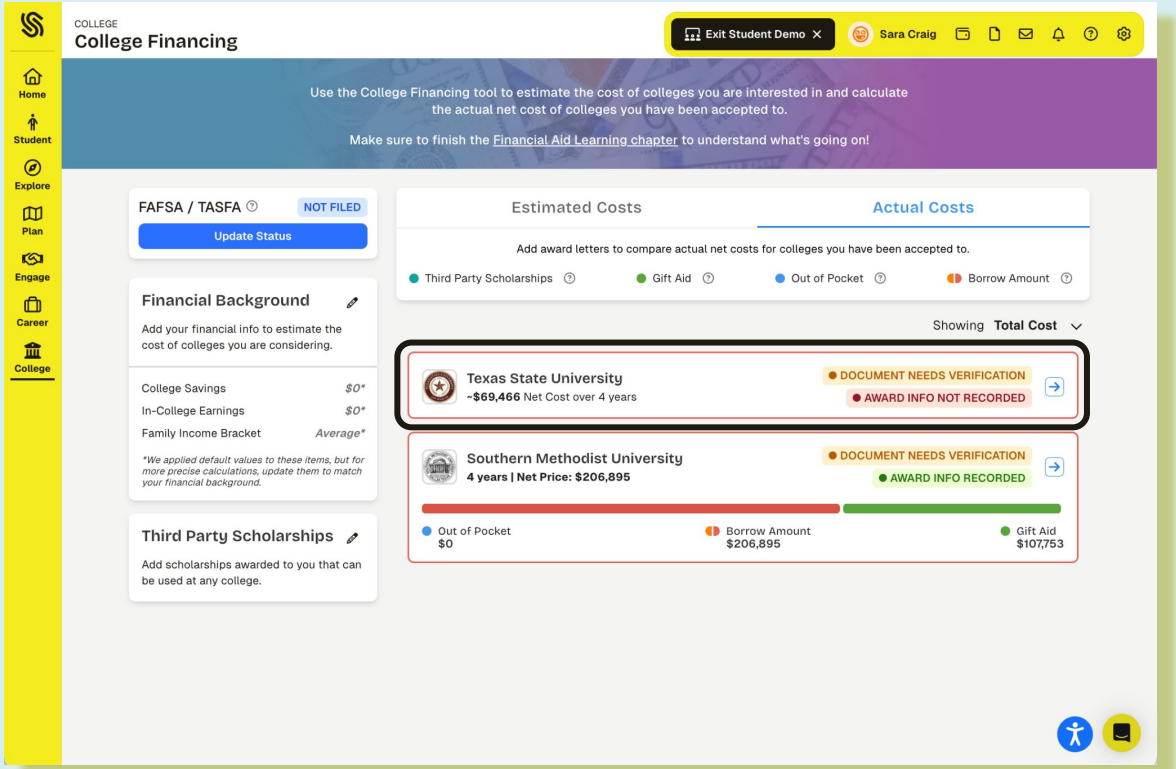


View Estimated & Actual Costs

Actual cost information is built from:

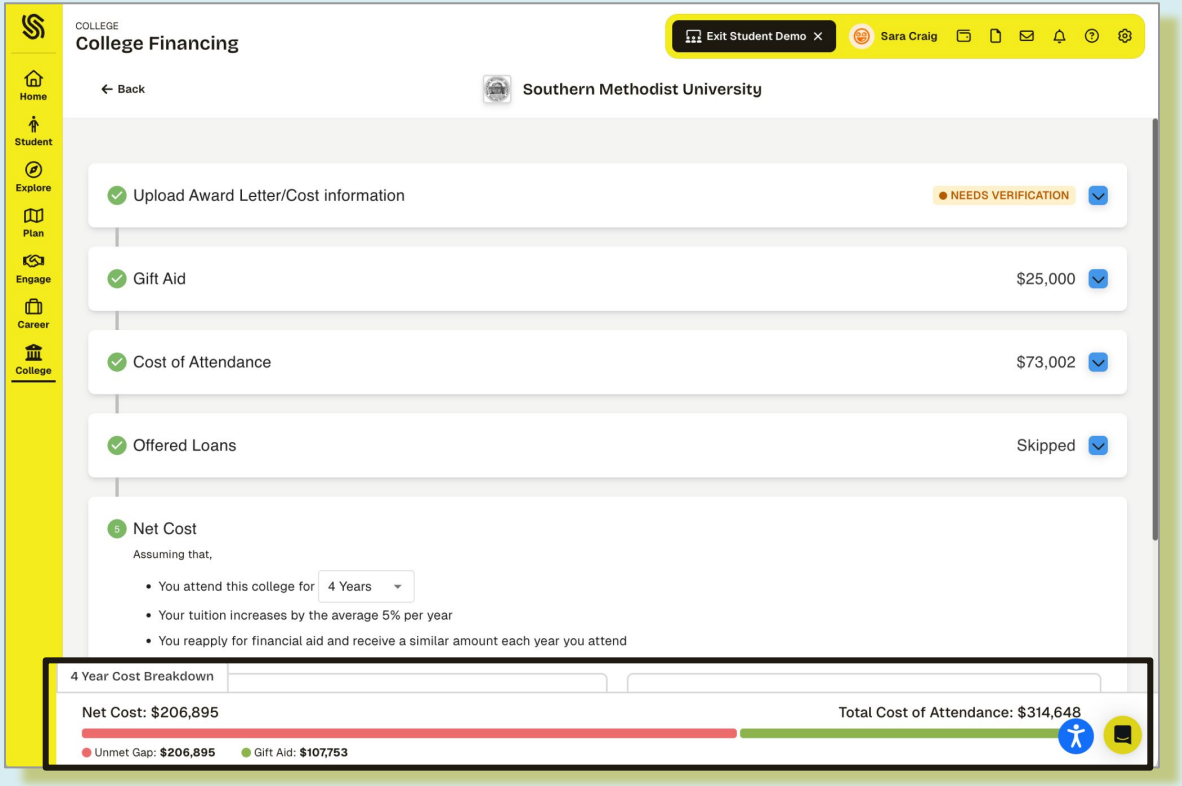
- Financial background information
- Added third-party scholarships
- Award letter information

Click on a school from the list to add or edit an award letter



Add Award Letter

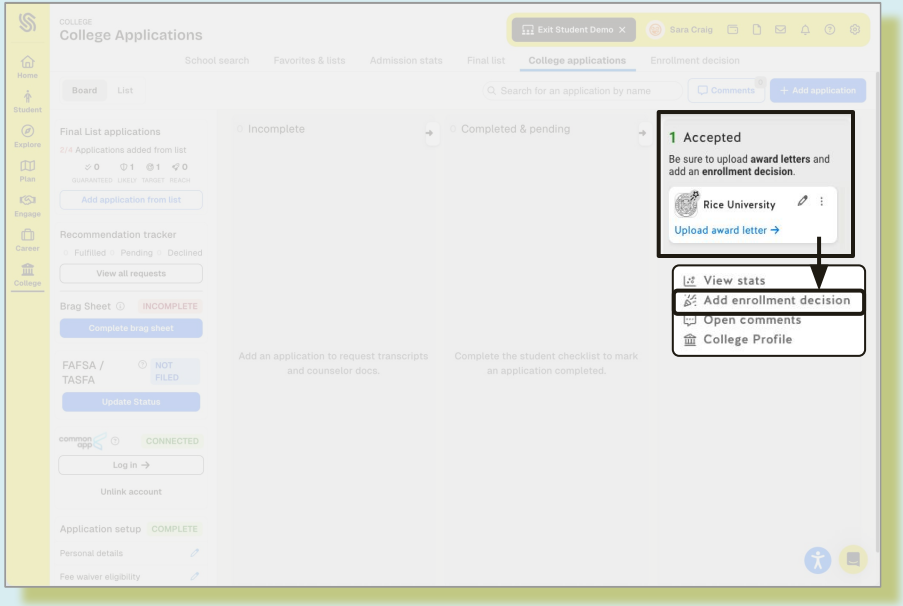
Upon adding their award letter, students will be guided through the contents of the award & prompted to complete various financial information fields. A First Year Cost Breakdown will populate at the bottom of the screen



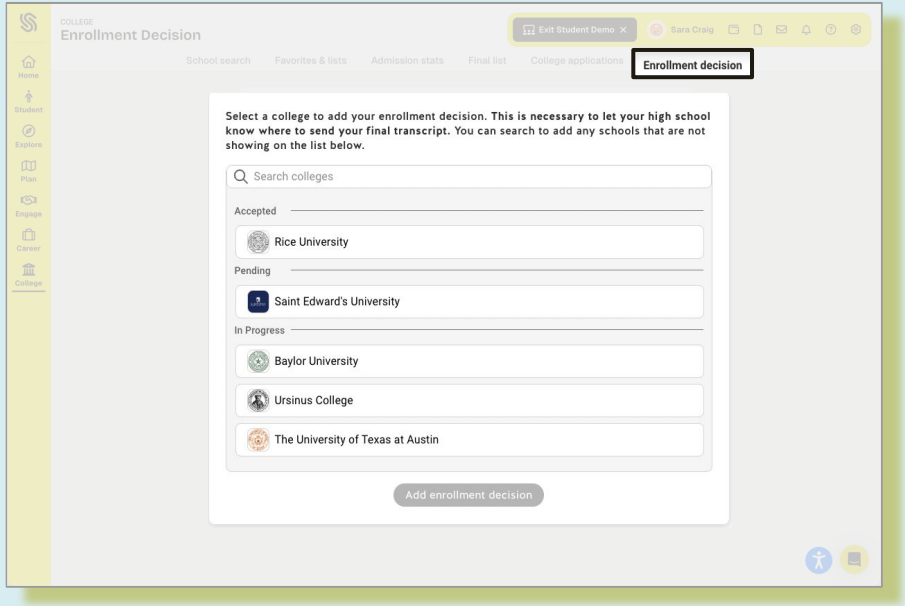
Indicate Enrollment Decision

Students can indicate their enrollment decision from one of two locations:

Accepted Colleges List



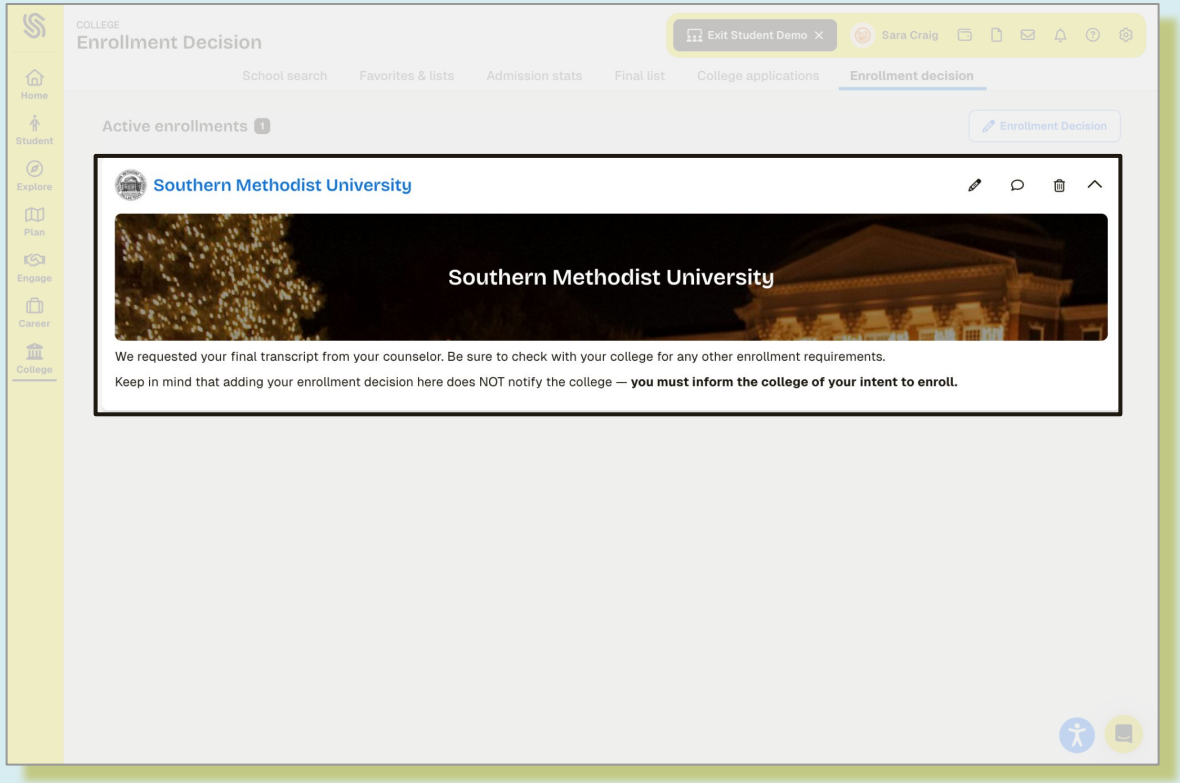
Enrollment Decision Tab



Trigger Final Transcript Requests

Indicating enrollment triggers the final transcript requests for counselors

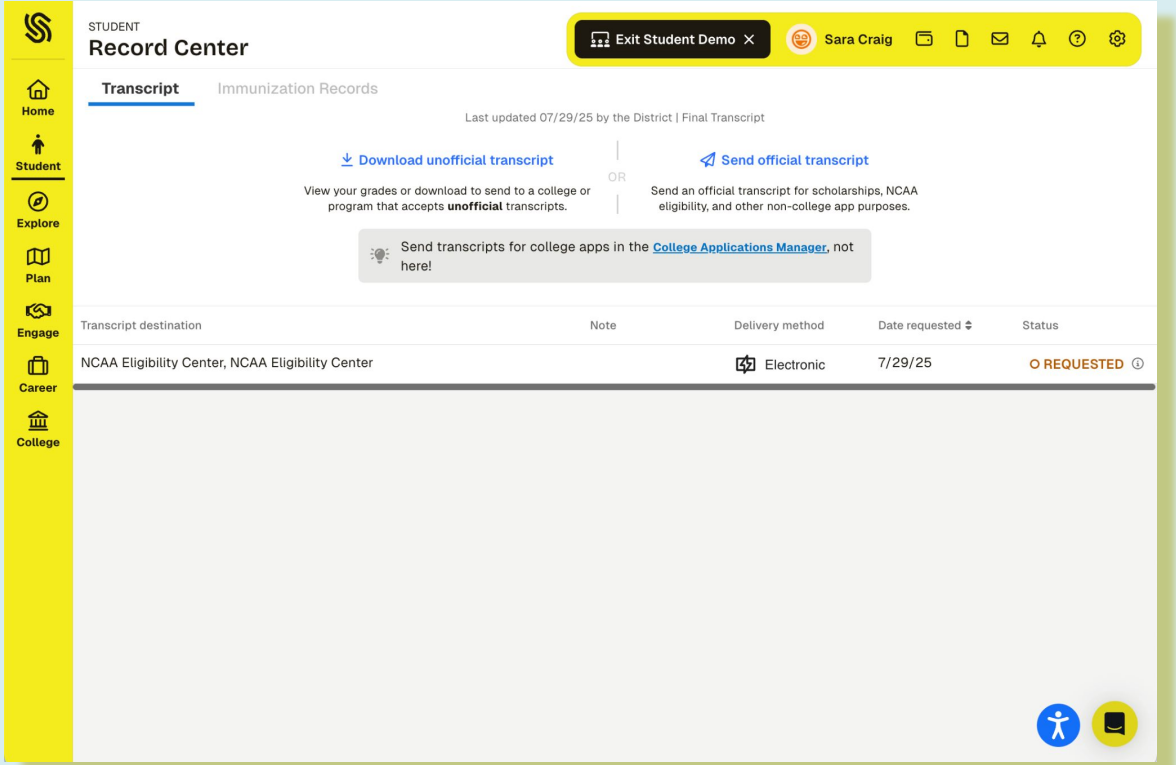
Indicating enrollment **<u>does not</u>** notify the college of the student's decision to enroll



Request Non-College Transcript

Students can download an unofficial transcript or request an official transcript be sent on their behalf for:

- Scholarships
- NCAA Eligibility



Alumni Access

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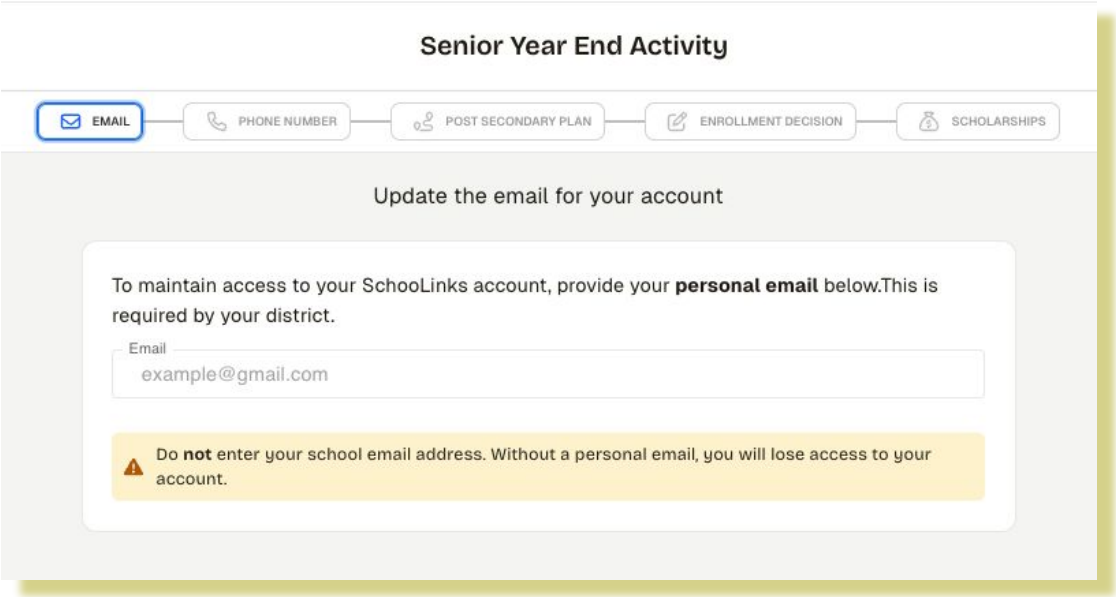
Senior Year End Activity

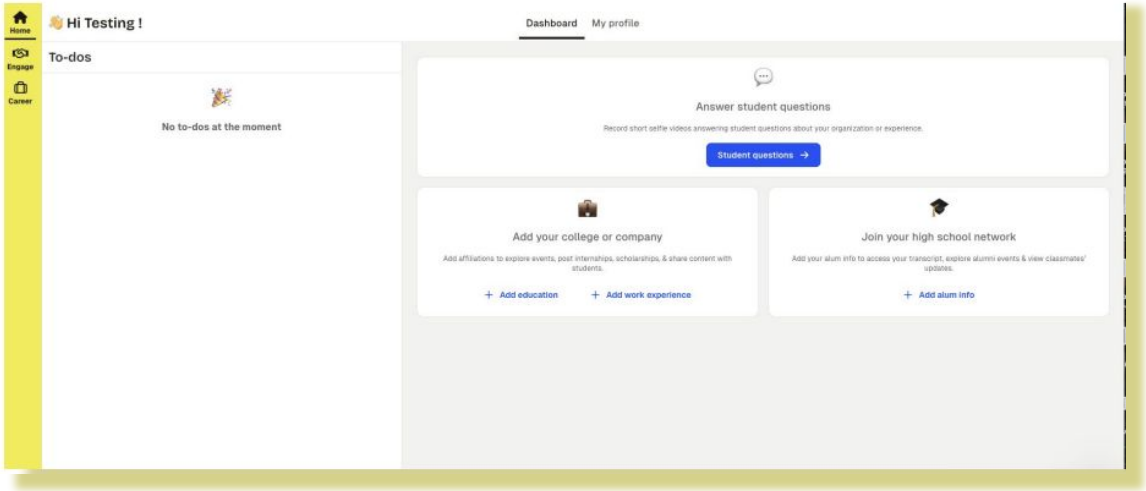
- Add Personal Email for Alumni Account Access
- Indicate Post Secondary Plan
- Mark Application Results & Enrollment Decision (for college-bound)
- Indicate Scholarships/Financial Aid Awards
- District-Specific Questions (Senior Exit Survey)



Alumni Account

Students maintain SchooLinks access as alumni!

- Update & Export Resume
- Request Official Transcripts
- Download Unofficial Transcript
- Explore Careers & Opportunities
- Explore Colleges



SchooLinks Support

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Visit the Help Center

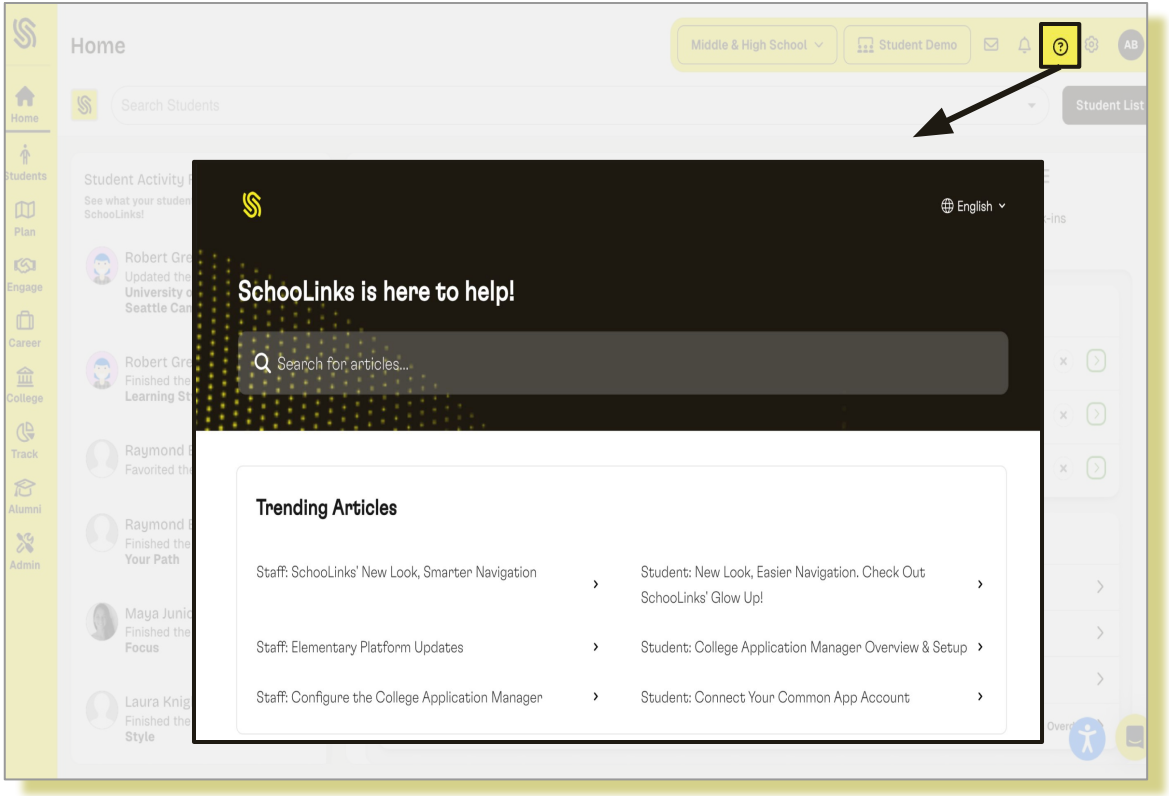
To access the Help Center:

- Visit support.schoolinks.com
  ***must be logged in first to view articles*

OR

- Click the Question Mark in the upper right corner of the platform, then select Help Center

Use the search bar to find your answer or scroll to browse topics

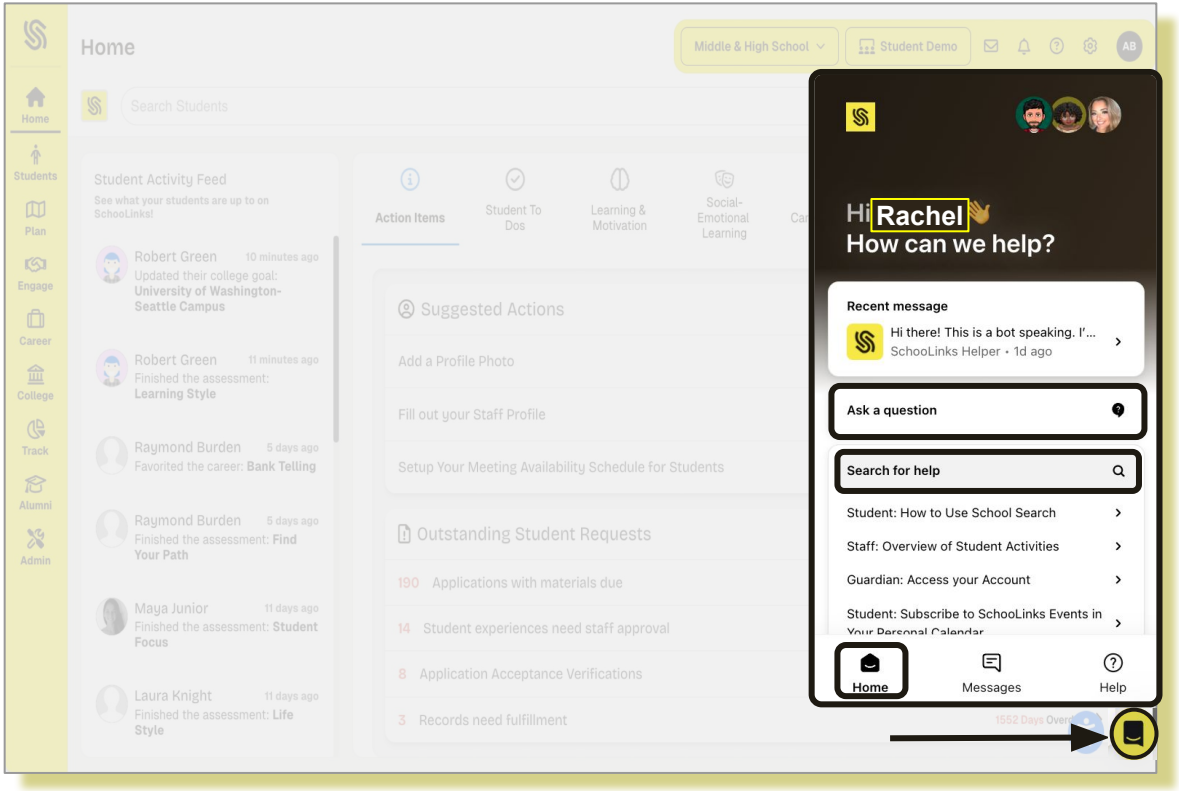


Get In-App Support (Home Tab)

Click the chat icon in the lower right corner to access the following from the Home tab:

- The AI agent which generates answers and article sources based on your questions. This information is pulled directly from the Help Center, getting you the help you need without interrupting your workflow.

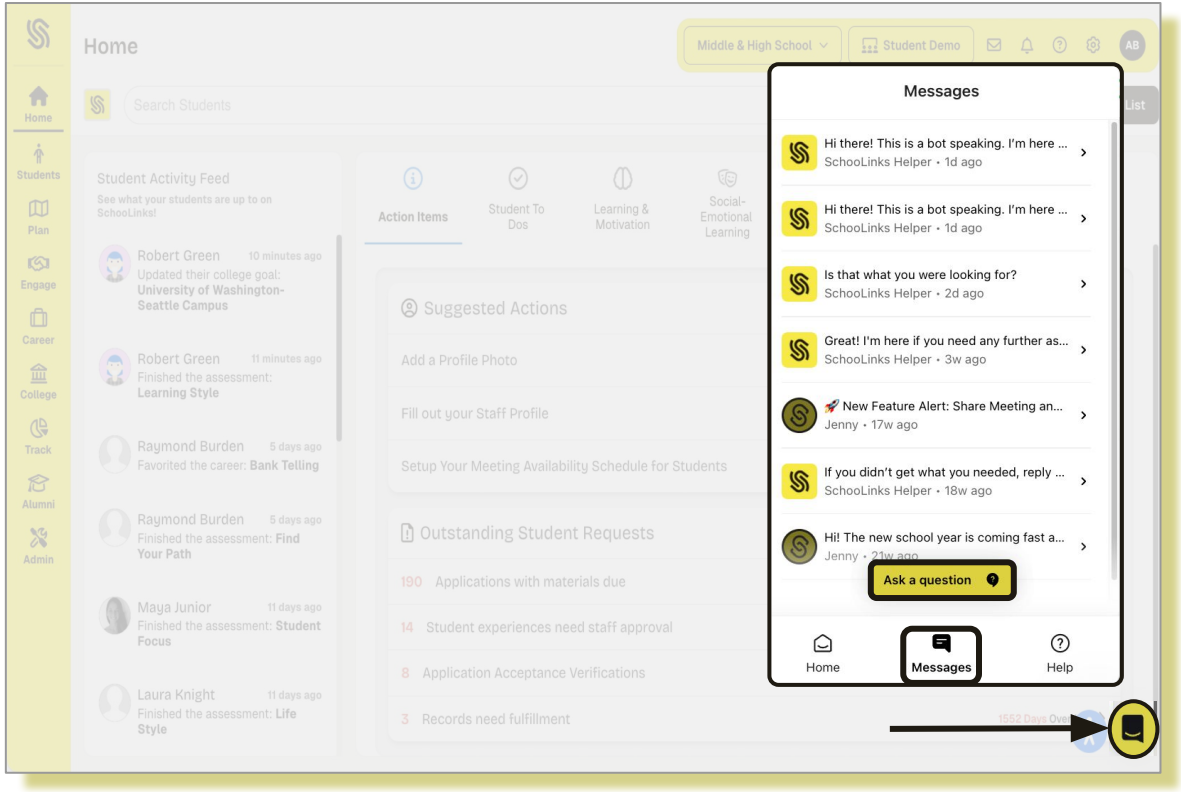
- The search bar to search by topic and view a list of suggested help center articles



Get In-App Support (Message Tab)

From the Messages tab:

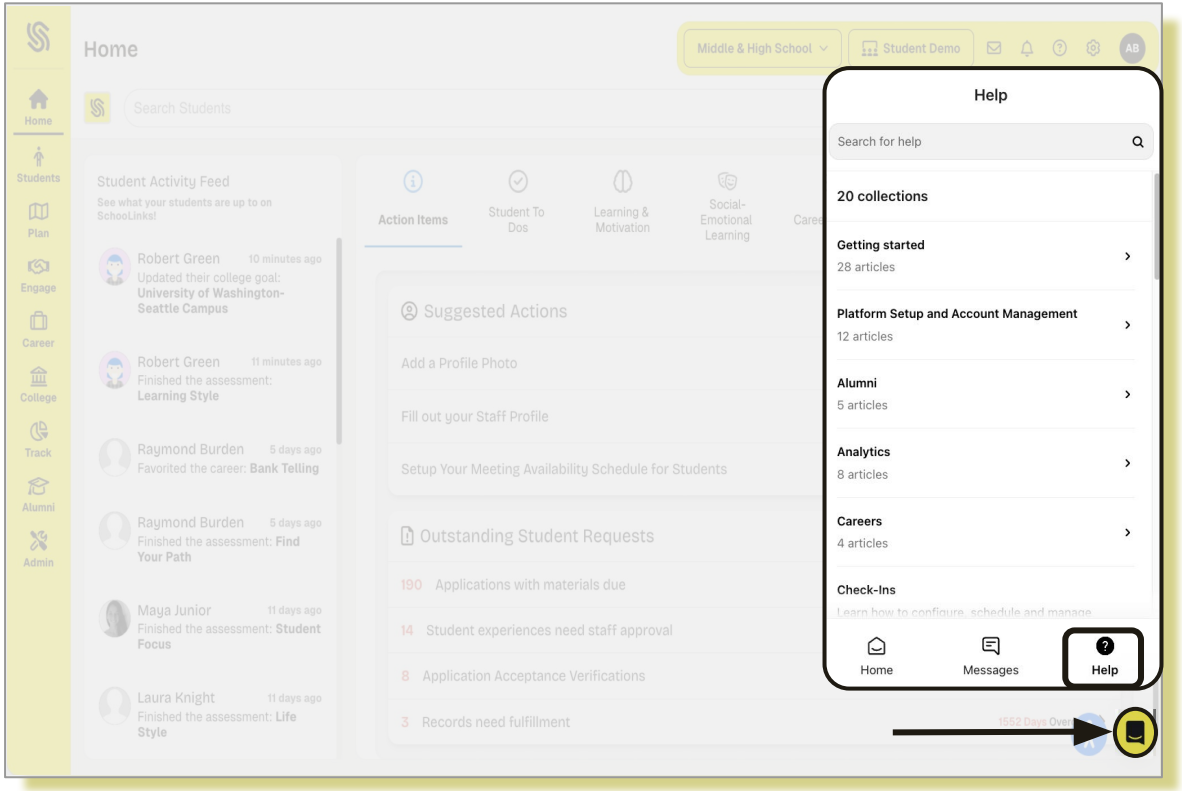
- View a history of your support messages
- Ask a question of the support team and receive a response within minutes during business hours.
  - 8:30am-6pm Eastern
  - 7:30am - 5pm Central
  - 6:30am - 4pm Mountain
  - 5:30am - 3pm Pacific



Get In-App Support (Help Tab)

From the Help tab:

- Search Help Center articles by keywords
- Explore Help Center Article Collections



Thank You!