

## COURSE DELIVERY FEATURES

Blackboard is a comprehensive course delivery application that enables teachers to supplement face-to-face instruction with resource materials, learning activity modules, interactive discussion, online quizzes, daily announcements, calendars and task lists, as well as an online grade book. Students may access the application from school, home, or anywhere there is an internet connection.



**Plant an idea today**

Point your browser to:  
**<http://bb.fcps.org>**



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## DELIVERING COURSE RESOURCES TO STUDENTS

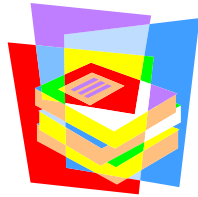
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*Course Information  
Anytime – Anywhere*

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## USING BLACKBOARD WITH STUDENTS



FCPS is currently using the Blackboard application to support and supplement face to face instruction at all three levels, elementary, middle and high schools.

### Requesting an Account?

To request a course site be created complete the form located at: <http://acad.fcps.org/bb>. This will provide the information to the administrator to create the course account and enroll students.

### Instruction or Support?

There is a Blackboard User Support Group that meets about every six week after school at various locations around the county. The group is made up of teachers who have course sites on the server. At the meeting, we share experiences, demonstrate how to perform different tasks, and trouble shoot problems that any of the instructors bring up.

There have been several workshops on how to use Blackboard. These were mostly held over the summer. There is currently a one day workshop planned for February.

### Orientation Course

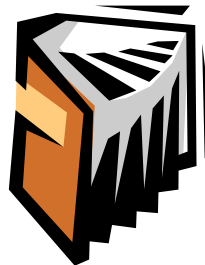
There is an orientation course on Blackboard that describes how to navigate around in the course site, different ways to use the features and how to load your course with the materials and resources you wish to share with your students. All new instructors are enrolled in this course. It is an excellent idea to work through the activities in the course as an orientation and basic tutorial for getting started.

### Enrolling Students

The Blackboard Administrator creates and enrolls students into courses. All information requested on the information form is required to create and enroll students. Instructors receive access to their requested course with student enrolled and ready to participate.

### WHEN I USE BLACKBOARD MY STUDENTS...

- can access class handouts, assignments, my slide presentations, and multimedia class materials on their computers.
- can engage in learning activities online, extending the classroom's temporal and spatial boundaries.
- can quickly link to external websites that I select based on the sites' intellectual value and relevance to class issues.



- can use asynchronous online discussion to develop initial thoughts on a topic, prior to more rigorous discussion in the face-to-face classroom.
- will learn to work collaboratively, in an environment that requires active learning and group exchange. They should learn by problem-solving together, in small groups, rather than only asking the instructor for the answers.
- can attend "office hours" with me regardless of weather, location, or mobility constraints.
- will always know of changes to a course schedule, and other important announcements.
- can take practice quizzes (and/or graded quizzes) online, at their convenience, rather than spend precious class time for this purpose.
- can still keep up-to-date, even if they have to miss class, once I post my class notes online.
- will stop asking me, "When are you going to start using the Web in your classes?!"

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