

Special Education/Intervention Newsletter
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CURRICULUM UPDATES

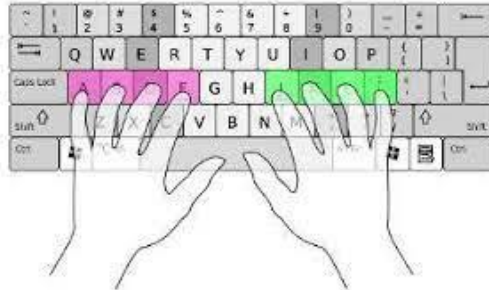
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students in grades 3-5 have been working on building their keyboarding skills using a resource called Typing Agent. Grades 4 and 5 students are expected to demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one to two pages in a single setting (one page in grade 4 and two pages in grade 5). Additionally, grades 3 through 5 students will be asked to type their response on MCAP assessments including Math, Science and ELA assessments. Our goal is for students to be able to focus more on WHAT they are typing

versus HOW they type it when providing evidence of learning, expressing ideas, and responding to standards-aligned questions in all content areas.

To help support your child, encourage them if they are using a keyboard to use the proper position and home row so that they can work at looking at the screen, instead of at their fingers when typing.

The **home row** is where your fingers will rest in order to reach all of the keys. The home keys are where you place your fingers when you are learning to type. The home keys include **A, S, D,** and **F** on the left of the keyboard, and **J, K, L,** and **;** (semicolon) on the right of the keyboard.

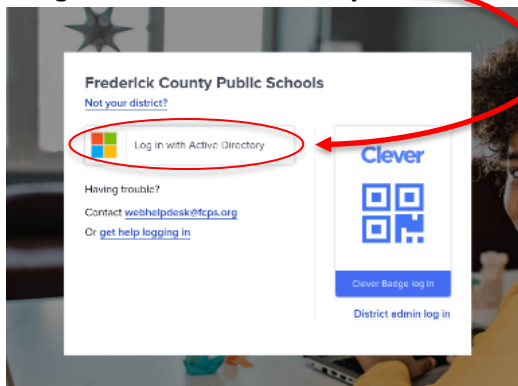


If you would like your child to access Typing Agent at home for some additional practice, they can follow the instructions below for home access:

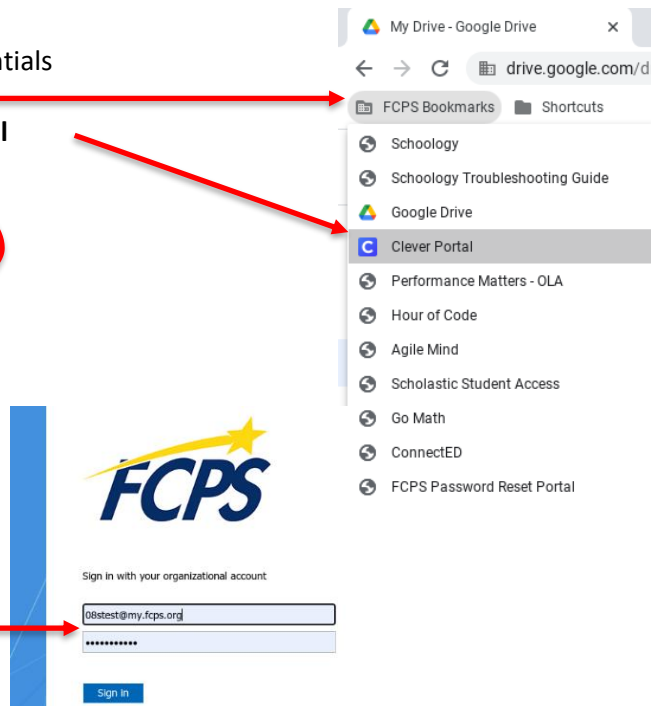
Typing Agent - Student Access Directions

STEP 1: Access the Clever Portal

1. Log into Chrome using your student FCPS credentials
2. Click on **FCPS Bookmarks**
3. **Scroll down** that menu and click on **Clever Portal**
4. Click **Log in with Active Directory**



***You may be prompted to re-enter your FCPS credentials*



STEP 2: Launch Typing Agent from Clever

1. From the Clever Dashboard, click the **Typing Agent** icon



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Important Dates:

- January 12th – End of Term 2
- January 15 – 17th Schools Closed
- January 30th – Report Cards and Progress Reports

TIPS of the Month:

As we navigate through the winter months, we want to make sure families are preparing for possible weather impacts. Please read the information from the FCPS website regarding snow days. A link to the FCPS snow day information can be found below.

<https://www.fcps.org/student-services/closings-and-delays>

If you want to stay up to date on current school related or disability related learning topics, don't forget that FCPS has a parent resources page that can be a valuable resource. The link to the special education parent resources section of the FCPS website is: <https://www.fcps.org/special-education/special-education-parent-resources>

Reminders:

Mr. Hargett, our Program Assistant, schedules all IEP meetings, please note that his email address is Earl.Hargett@fcps.org. If you receive an email from him, please know that it is in regards to scheduling an IEP meeting.

- FCPS has a Parent IEP Team Meeting Survey. We value your feedback and encourage you to complete the survey. Please share your IEP team meeting experience at: <http://bit.ly/ParentIEPSurvey>

PARENT IEP TEAM MEETING SURVEY

Because we value you as partners in your child's education and you are an essential member of the IEP team, we would like your feedback related to your IEP Team Meeting experience at your child's school. This survey is anonymous.

Please share your IEP team meeting experience at:
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The Special Education eHandbook is located at:
<https://fcps.org/handbookSpecial>

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