

# Finalsite Chat for Families

## Getting Started

[Chat for families: Get started with Finalsite Chat – Finalsite Support](#)

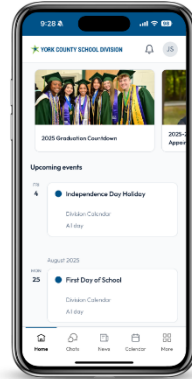
### Step 1: Chat via App or Web Browser

Download the YCSD app\* from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

OR

Open a browser and go to  
<https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/fs/chat>

*\*Please check to make sure you have the latest version of the YCSD app installed*



### Step 2: Get logged in

#### Initial Account Setup (via browser)

<https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/login>

1. Click on “Forgot Username or Password” link
2. Enter your primary contact email address listed in Aspen in the Username field\*
3. Click the Submit button to have instructions sent to your email address on how to reset your password\*\*
4. Open up the YCSD app and log in using your primary contact email address and password you just created.

*\*Contact your child’s school if you are not sure what your primary email address is in Aspen.*

*\*\*Please be advised that password reset email link expires 15 minutes after being sent.*

#### After Account Setup

1. Open up the YCSD app
2. Click on the gear icon in the top right-hand corner.
3. Click on the Log in button
4. Enter your primary contact email address and the password you created

### Login

Please provide your username and password to log in:

Username

NEXT

[Forgot Username or Password](#)

[Create New Account](#)

### Login

Forgot your login?

Please enter your email address. Instructions for retrieving your username and password will be emailed to you.

Email:

SUBMIT

CANCEL

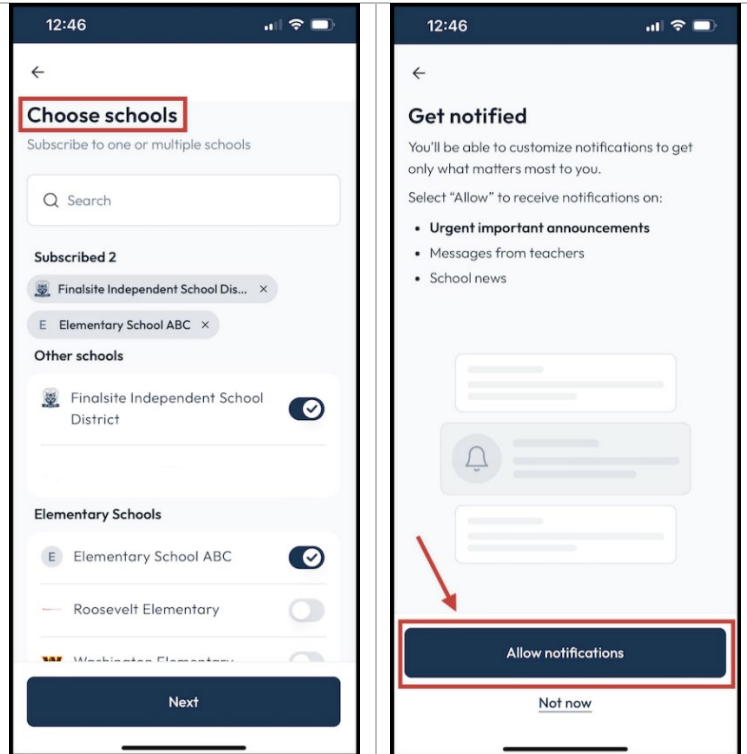


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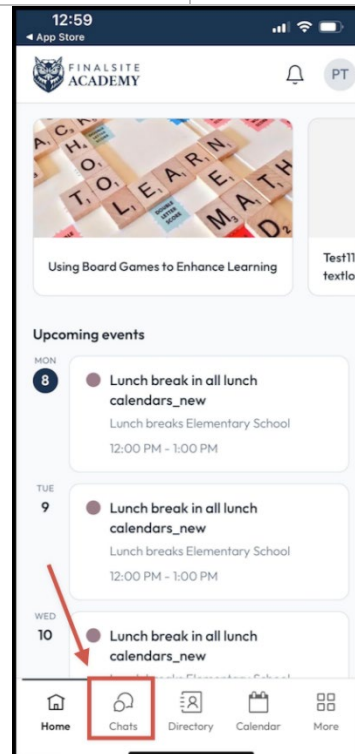
### Select your preferences (initial setup)

- Select your language
- Choose school(s) to subscribe to
- Select to allow notifications
- Subscribe to mailing lists



### Step 3: Navigate to Chats icon in bottom toolbar (App Only)

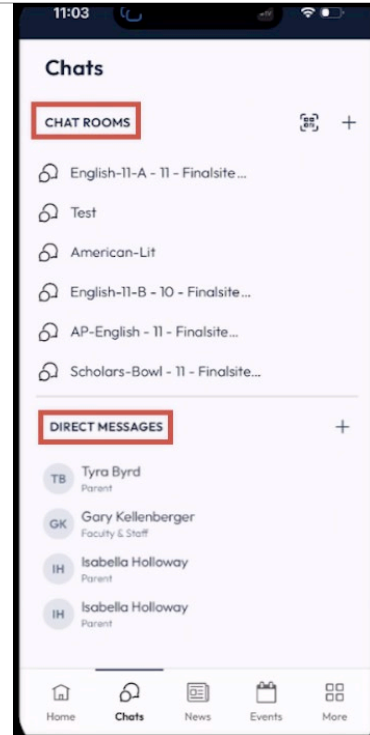
Once you are logged in to your mobile app, find the **Chats** icon in the bottom toolbar. Click to open and start chatting.



#### Step 4: Chat home screen

The chat home screen is where it all begins.

- **Chat rooms** you have been assigned to are in the top half of the screen.
- **Direct Messages** are in the bottom half.



## Sending Messages

[Chat for families: Connect and collaborate with school staff – Finals Site Support](#)

[Video Tutorial: Chat in a chat room](#)

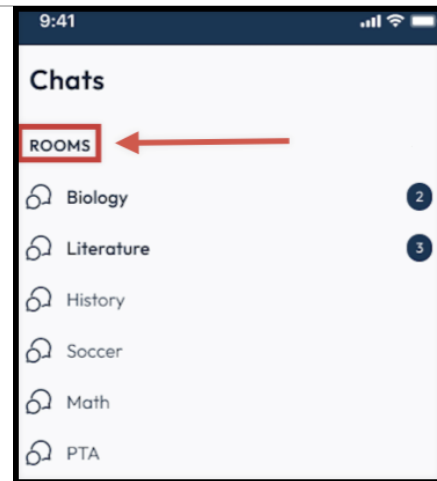
[Video Tutorial: Communicate with Direct Messages](#)

### Chat in a chat room or direct message

The top half of your chat screen in your mobile app includes a list of all the chatrooms in which you are a Chat Participant.

Click to read messages in chat rooms with a notification bubble next to them. This means you have Unread Messages.

The bottom half of the chat screen in your mobile app includes a list of direct messages.



Once inside a room or direct message, start a chat message by typing text into the Message box at the bottom.

- Upload from Photo Library, Take a Photo or Video, and/or Choose Files.
- Format your text.
- Click the send icon to share this message with the chat room.

