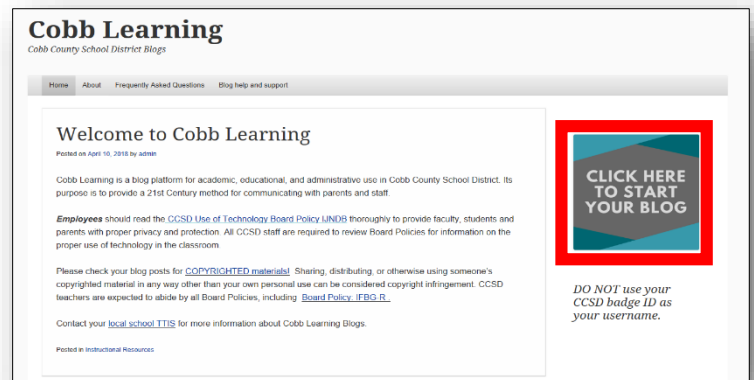


# Getting Started with a Cobb Learning Edublog

These directions will show you how to set up a free CobbLearning.net Edublog account. Prior to beginning, you **must** review the Welcome blog on the [Cobb Learning sign-up page](#). **All employees are to read the CCSD Use of Technology Board Policies [IJNDB](#) and [IFBG-R](#) prior to creating a CobbLearning.net Edublog account.** You are strongly urged to review the [Copyrighted materials](#), [CIPA](#), and [COPPA](#) links.

## Create an Account

1. Using the Edge or Chrome browser, proceed to <http://cobblearning.net>.
2. Click the button on the right that says **Click Here to Start Your Blog**.



3. Complete each field in the form:

Username:

**DO NOT use your Badge ID!**

It contains part of your SSN and will be published on web.

Email address:

You **MUST** use your Cobb County email account.

Terms of Service:

Read the terms of service Cobb County School District requires of all employees. Click the box next to **I Agree**.

4. Select **Gimme a Site!**

5. Click **Next**.
6. Create the **Site Name**.  
*Note: You may wish to change your site name to something easy for parents and students to remember.*
7. Create the **Site Title**.  
*Note: Your site title can be the same as your site name as in the picture.*
8. Choose the appropriate language for your audience.
9. Under **Privacy**, click the radio button for **Search Engines Blocked**.

Site Name:  
www.cobblearning.net/ farmersfriends  
(Your address will be www.cobblearning.net/siteName.) Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only. It cannot be changed so choose carefully!

Site Title:  
Farmers Friends

Site Language:  
English (South Africa)

Privacy:  
 Public  
 Search Engine Blocked  
 Visitors must have a login - anyone that is a registered user of Cobb Learning can gain access.  
 Only registered users of this site can have access.  
 Only administrators can visit - good for testing purposes before making it live.  
 Anyone that visits must first provide this password:   
 Note: Anyone that is a registered user of this site won't need this password.

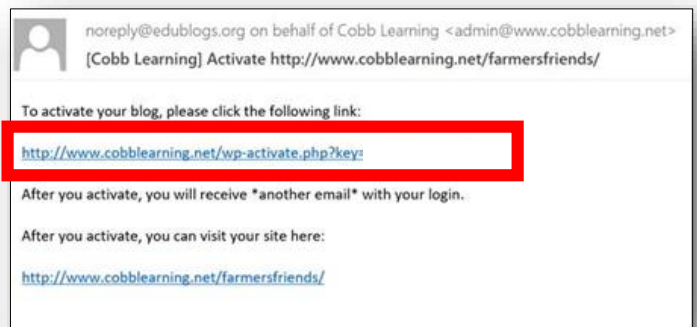
Blog category  
Elementary School

Signup

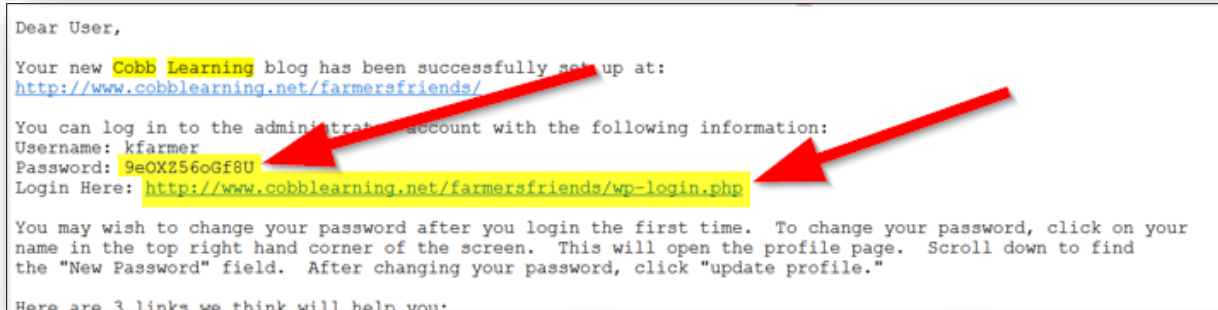
10. Click **Sign Up**, and be sure to leave the browser window open for the next steps.

## Activate your Account

1. Open your CCSD Outlook email account, and find email with Cobb Learning in the subject line. New Cobb Learning site might also be in the subject line.
2. Click the **hyperlink** below to activate your blog, please click the following link.



3. Open your browser window with Cobb Learning Edublog, and refresh the screen to view the message that your account is now active. Then return to Outlook.
4. Open a second email sent by the Cobb Learning Admin with your username and temporary password.



Dear User,

Your new **Cobb Learning** blog has been successfully set up at:  
<http://www.cobblearning.net/farmersfriends/>

You can log in to the administrative account with the following information:  
Username: kfarmer  
Password: **9eOXZ56oGf8U**  
Login Here: <http://www.cobblearning.net/farmersfriends/wp-login.php>

You may wish to change your password after you login the first time. To change your password, click on your name in the top right hand corner of the screen. This will open the profile page. Scroll down to find the "New Password" field. After changing your password, click "update profile."

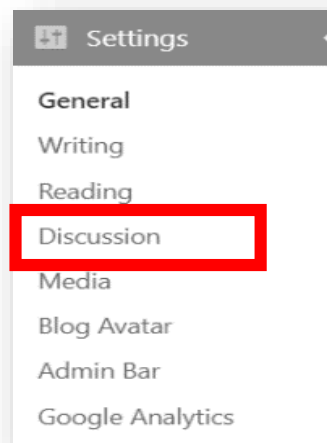
Here are 3 links we think will help you:

5. Copy the **temporary password** provided in this email.
6. Click the **URL after Login Here** to activate your new blog account.
7. When you get to the login page, type your username, and paste the temporary password into the appropriate field. Click **Sign In**.

## Set Up your Blog

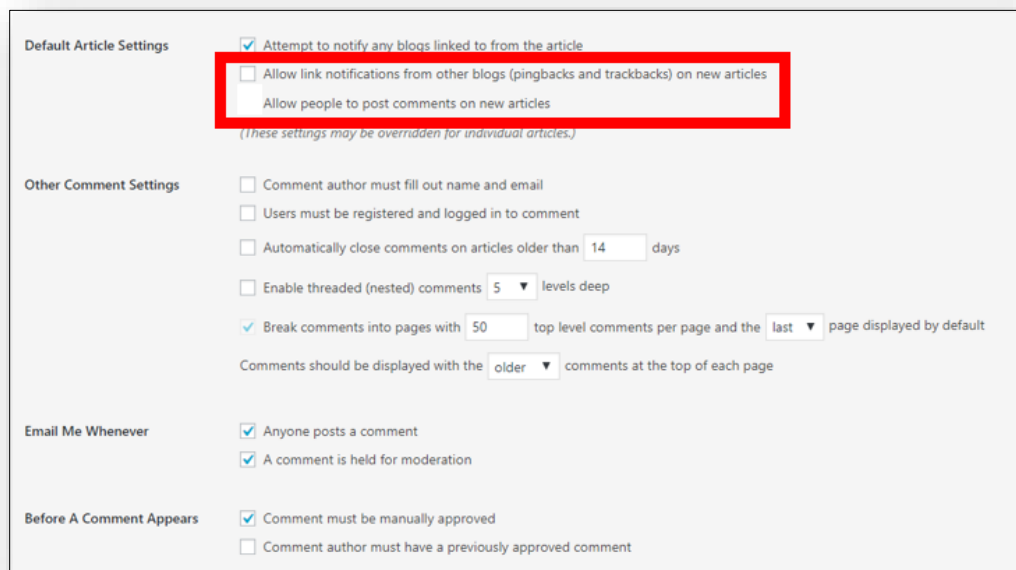
All Cobb County School District Employees **must** edit comment settings of each blog within your CobbLearning Account.

1. Click **Settings** in the Left Navigation Pane.
2. Click **Discussion**.



3. Under Default Article Settings, **uncheck Allow link notifications from other blogs (pingbacks and trackbacks).**

4. Under Default Article Settings, **uncheck Allow people to post comments on new articles.**



The screenshot shows the 'Default Article Settings' section of a WordPress dashboard. A red box highlights two settings: 'Attempt to notify any blogs linked to from the article' (checked) and 'Allow link notifications from other blogs (pingbacks and trackbacks) on new articles' (unchecked). Below this, 'Allow people to post comments on new articles' is also unchecked. The 'Other Comment Settings' section includes options for comment author requirements, automatic closing of comments, threaded comments, and pagination. The 'Email Me Whenever' section has 'Anyone posts a comment' and 'A comment is held for moderation' checked. The 'Before A Comment Appears' section has 'Comment must be manually approved' checked.

5. Scroll to bottom of screen and click **Save Changes**.

[Click here](#) to access the Cobb Learning / Edublogs support materials. Please contact your [local TTIS](#) for more information on your Cobb Learning blog site.