

CELEBRATING 46 YEARS

JULY 20-24, 2026

Black Hawk College

**COLLEGE FOR
KIDS**



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Eligibility

This program is designed for students who are entering 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Initial eligibility is determined by meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- The most recent achievement score at the 90th percentile or above on one of the following:
 - Reading Total
 - or- Math Total
 - or- Social Studies
 - or- Science
- The most recent ability test score at the 90th percentile or above.

Once a student qualifies for College for Kids, the student can attend through 9th grade.

Because students are identified by their schools, parents may address questions about test scores with the child's school principal.

Dates and Times

July 20 - July 24 Monday - Friday

Students will attend three consecutive classes which will meet for five days. There is a 15-minute break between classes.

1st Class	1:00-2:00 p.m.
2nd Class	2:15-3:15 p.m.
3rd Class	3:30-4:30 p.m.

Class Location

Black Hawk College, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL Buildings 1, 2, 3 & 4

Cost \$115

Method of Payment

Check (payable to Black Hawk College)

Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover)

Questions? Call 309-796-8223

Stay connected and follow Black Hawk College PaCE on Facebook and Instagram.



Registration

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to enroll you in your classes.

Mail registration form, payment, and other forms (if applicable) from this registration packet to:

BHC - College for Kids
301 Avenue of the Cities
East Moline, IL 61244

You may also fax the forms to 309-796-8282 as long as payment is made by credit card.

Emailed registration forms will not be accepted.

Registrations are accepted until noon on Thursday, July 2.

Financial Aid

A limited number of partial awards will be available based on financial need. Parents/guardians can complete the Financial Aid Request Form (page 14) and send it with the Registration Form along with a minimum \$60 payment. Financial aid requests must be received no later than Monday, June 1 to be considered for assistance. All information will be regarded as strictly confidential. You will be notified of any award the week of June 8.

Refunds/Withdrawals/Drops

Refunds

Available for classes dropped before noon on Thursday, July 2. *There will be no refund for students who are dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons.*

Withdrawals/Drops

There are no refunds for a withdrawal from the program after noon on Thursday, July 2. Students will be dropped from the program if all fees are not paid in full by Thursday, July 2. This includes students receiving financial aid who have a balance due.

Class Schedules

Class schedules will be mailed to students the week of June 15 along with maps of the campus.

Transportation Options

- **Car Riders:** Parents/guardians provide daily transportation for their child(ren).
- **School Bus:** Contact your local school district for possible bus transportation and associated cost.
- **City Bus:** See the MetroLINK information below.

Drop-Off/Pickup Areas

Building 1 & 2: Use Parking Lot 1, north side of lot.

Building 3: Use Parking Lot 3, west of Building 3.

Building 4: Use Parking Lot 1 or Parking Lot 3.

Drivers are asked not to stop in the middle of the roadways or in the crosswalks to load and unload children. Please tell your child(ren) they should only cross the roads at the designated crosswalk areas. Staff will be stationed at these crosswalks to assist.

ALL children must be picked up at 4:30 p.m.

After 4:45 p.m. parents/guardians must come into Building 1, Upper Lobby to pick up their child.

School Buses

Buses leave at 4:40 p.m. sharp!

Children riding school buses will load and unload in Parking Lot 1. Children are not to run into the parking lots to load onto a bus. **It's important that your school bus driver has the date(s) your child will be riding the bus. If your child will not be riding the bus as planned, please notify your school bus transportation department.**

MetroLINK City Bus

Due to possible changes in the bus route schedule during the summer, parents should contact MetroLINK for exact times, pickup locations, and bus routes.

Electronic Devices

All electronic devices must be turned off during class time. Instructors have permission to take a device away from a student if it is being used without permission. The device will be returned to the student at the end of class.

Reporting When Your Child Will Not Be in a CFK Class

Whenever your child will not be at CFK due to an absence, tardy, or leaving the program early, please call:

- **Before July 20 - Professional & Continuing Education (PaCE) Office**
309-796-8223
- **July 20-24 - College for Kids Office**
309-796-5146

It is very important that the College for Kids office is notified when your child will not be in a class.

Discipline Issues

Discipline issues will be handled by the College for Kids Coordinator. Parents will be notified regarding discipline issues or before dismissal from the program. There will be no refund for students who are dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

Advisory Committee

- **Sarah Boone**, Administrative Coach for Academics and Instruction, Geneseo Community Unit School District #228
- **Steven Etheridge**, Director of Elementary Education, Moline-Coal Valley School District #40
- **Tammy Muerhoff**, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Rock Island County Regional Office of Education
- **Brian Prybil**, Deputy Superintendent, Moline-Coal Valley School District #40
- **Kelly Ronnebeck**, Associate Superintendent of Student Achievement, East Moline School District #37
- **Kathy Rugeberg**, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching & Learning, Rock Island-Milan School District #41
- **Deb Slothower**, Retired Teacher, Riverdale Elementary School
- **Sanchia Sommer**, Retired Teacher TEC Program/Tech, East Moline School District #37
- **Kole Shuda**, CFK Coordinator, Black Hawk College
- **Betsy Hall**, Outreach Specialist, Black Hawk College

The Arts

Learn to Play the Ukulele

Instructor: Sarah McVay

Are you ready to make some music this summer? The ukulele is one of the most popular instruments right now. More importantly, it is easy to learn how to play. Pick up the basics in playing chords, strumming patterns, and fingerpicking and start playing songs. **If you own a ukulele, please bring it with you. If not, one will be provided to use during class with the option to purchase it at the end of the week.**



Learn to Play the Ukulele

Painting 101

Instructor: Ann Peters

There are so many ways to get creative with paint! In this class you will explore multiple techniques in acrylic and watercolor paint. Gain new skills while creating beautiful, colorful works of art.

Singing & Harmony

Instructor: Hannah Dochterman

Discover the joy of singing in a relaxed group setting. You will learn the fundamentals of vocal technique including breathing, phonation, and posture while learning songs in 1-3 parts. No prior experience or music reading skills are required — just a love for singing!

Sketchbook & Journal Making

Instructor: Ann Peters

Learn how to craft your very own sketchbook or journal with a variety of bookmaking techniques! You will learn how to personalize our pages with stamping, calligraphy, collaging, and doodling. Customize your book to fit your interests and learn a new skill.

Theatre Arts

Instructor: Katelyn O'Brien

The bright lights, the excitement of auditioning – it's all part of theatre! Join us for an overview of theatre life with an emphasis on performance, building confidence, and stressing communication skills. Theatre games designed to stretch the imagination will be played. These activities will be valuable for those of you who desire to be more at ease in auditioning or performing in various productions.



Theatre Arts

Student Testimonial

"I like that it was entertaining and educational."

"I liked that I could try new things."

"I liked being in the college environment."

Language Arts

Story Builders - Reading Between the Lines

Instructor: Jill Seys

Read short stories and learn how they are put together. Activities will focus on key parts of a story to understand how authors use them. Write your own short pieces to practice these skills. This class will help you become a better reader and a clearer, more confident writer.

Summer Voices - Poetry Workshop

Instructor: Chelsea Clearman

Learn to write original poems, master core poetic techniques, and prepare work for a class literary publication. Experiment with imagery, meter, rhyme, and free verse through guided mini-lessons and creative prompts. Give and receive focused feedback in peer workshops, revise drafts using craft strategies, and learn how to edit and format poems for publication. By the end of this class, you will contribute at least one polished poem to a professionally laid-out class anthology and help design the final literary magazine.

The Languages

French I

Instructor: Beth Ann Schrup

Take a tour of France! Learn about the country and introductory language by taking an imaginary trip to France with the class. Through games and music, learn numbers, colors, food, transportation, dates and the French alphabet. Discover beginning conversation in a fun learning environment.

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Sign Language

Sign Language I

Instructor: Cheryl Sullivan

Sign language is a system of communication using visual gestures and signs. It is mostly used by people who are deaf but can be useful to communicate with people who have other disabilities or maybe are simply a little hard of hearing. We will learn basic vocabulary and the alphabet as well as how to sign your name. By the end of the week, you will have some favorite signs and will enjoy sharing your new knowledge with your family and friends.

Spanish I

Instructor: Stephanie Hansen

Get exposed to the language and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Gain insight into Hispanic customs as well as learn basic conversation and vocabulary.

Spanish II

Instructor: Stephanie Hansen

Prerequisite: Spanish I.

Continue to learn vocabulary and conversation with the next Spanish class. Explore more about the culture and customs.

Student Testimonial

"It was very welcoming and fun. I learned a lot and the teachers and students were great!"

Math/Technology

Building a Fantasy Football Team

Instructor: Todd Rittenhouse

This is the time of year when you start thinking about putting together your fantasy football team. Draft and compete for the dream team. Using real football statistics, put your math skills to work to create the best team. **Please bring a calculator.**

Canva and School-Safe AI

Instructor: Emilie Rio-Wawrzynski

In this hands-on course, you will explore how AI can support learning and creativity. Explore student-friendly AI tools, including Google Gemini, Canva AI, Magic School, and SchoolAI. Learn how each can help us create visuals and brainstorm ideas for projects, and even social media posts! Through guided activities and mini-challenges, you will also learn to use AI responsibly, think critically about the information it generates, and discover practical ways these tools can help you. **You will need your own Google account. Please bring your username and password with you.**

Challenging Your Logic

Instructor: Sanchia Horst-Sommer

Healthy competition and exercise for your brain. That's what you can expect from this class. If you like logic puzzles, you will enjoy learning different types of puzzles that require different thinking skills. Logic problems will range from the simple to the complex. Work in teams and take part in a week-long game of logic riddles. If you like to put your brain to work and enjoy the feeling of accomplishment after perseverance, then this is the class for you.

Student Testimonial

"The classes were things I could look forward to and the experience (along with new friends) was amazing!"

Coding for the Web

Instructor: Dr. Tamara Fudge & Terry Clayton

Learn how to code a website from scratch using HTML tags (for content) and CSS (for style). Discover the principles of accessibility, legal use of images and more as you find out how to code lists, tables, hyperlinks, buttons, navigation and more! No previous knowledge of coding is necessary. Join us and learn the true basics of how webpages are designed! **Please bring a standard USB flash drive each day to save your projects.**

Geometry Everywhere

Instructor: Rachel Hamilton

Geometry is the math that is all around us! Come explore some interesting challenges based in Geometry. After taking this class, you will be amazed at how often you see geometry out in the real world.

Lego Motorized Machines

Instructor: Sheryl Hanson

Do you like building and creating with Legos? Whether you are a beginner or have worked with Legos before, join us and explore the simple machines that make up compound machines. Build your own motorized Dogbot, Walker and race car. Compete, consult and reengineer with classmates to determine the best functional machine.



Lego Motorized Machines



Photoshop

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Instructor: Donna Beserra

Working with the basic tools of Photoshop, learn how to combine two separate images, save your photos, and make color changes in your photos. Discover how to change the color of your hair or the color of a car, and how to put your picture in a photo next to your favorite star. Also, discover how to enhance and fix problem areas in a photo.

Please bring a standard USB flash drive each day to save your projects.

Riddle Me This - Math Puzzles

Instructor: Rachel Hamilton

If you like puzzles, this is the class for you! We will look at different kinds of math puzzles and where you can find them to keep yourself puzzled all year long. Solve some great puzzles from movies and pop culture and explore what's new in the puzzle world.



Riddle Me This - Math Puzzles

Science

Circuits and Systems

Instructor: Richard Vedvik

Step into the role of an engineer and design electrical systems that actually work! Build and test circuits using creative layouts and then improve your designs through problem-solving and experimentation. Whether you keep it simple or push your project further, this class will give you the freedom to innovate, troubleshoot and bring you electrical ideas to life!

Conservation – Why Does It Matter?

Instructor: Beth Ann Schrup

The Mississippi River and its surrounding ecosystems provide vital habitats for countless species. Conservation efforts in the Midwest help protect wildlife, maintain clean water, and preserve natural landscapes. Explore the importance of these efforts and learn how local organizations are working to protect the environment. Guest speakers from agencies in the Quad-Cities area will share insights on conservation projects happening in our own backyard and ways you can get involved.

Genetics

Instructor: Shawna Edwards

Explore the fascinating world of genetics, the rapidly growing science of the present and the future. Labs will include seeing how DNA's genetic instructions are copied and carried out in you and in all living things. A candy lab (M&Ms of various colors representing genes) will be made to see what your future child's face could look like. At the end of the week, you will combine what you have learned to solve genetic mysteries!

Student Testimonial

"Navigating a college campus was fun and the classes were great! It is nice to have so many brainiacs around me."



Vertebrate Dissection

Invertebrate Dissection

Instructor: Angel Baumgartner

Explore the invertebrate animal world as you learn proper dissection techniques and use of equipment. Several phyla of invertebrate animals will be studied through dissection. This may include earthworms, jellyfish, starfish, crayfish, squid and grasshoppers.

Microbiology

Instructor: Shawna Edwards

Explore the world of microorganisms. Collecting samples from various sources, use microscopes to learn about beneficial microbes, like the bacteria that make yogurt and cheese and the ones that cause plants and leaves to break down. You will also explore the harmful ones as well – like the ones that spread the flu.

Physics in the World - Architecture and Forces

Instructor: David Shaffer

Why are buildings built the way they are? Why do some structures stand the test of time? Discuss basic principles of physics such as Newton's laws and how those lead to real world design decisions. Solve engineering problems using provided materials and using creativity, ingenuity, and newly acquired understanding of forces and motion.

Rockets

Instructor: Michael Carlson

Learn about the science of rocket propulsion, aerodynamics and space exploration. Design, construct and launch rockets made from plastic pop bottles and pressurized with air and water in addition to building and flying a space plane.

Please bring three clean 2-liter plastic bottles to the first class.

Think Like a Nurse

Instructor: Amber Mielke

Nurses make up the biggest health care occupation in the United States. Some of the nursing job duties include communicating between patients and doctors, caring for patients, and administering medicine. Gain hands-on experience as you learn basic assessment skills (vital signs, blood pressure, the heart and lungs, the abdomen and the nervous system). Explore what it takes to think like a nurse!

Vertebrate Dissection

Instructor: Michael Janssen

Investigate the biology of vertebrate animals. Learn proper techniques of dissection as well as identifying body organs and understanding their function. Discuss the major body systems and how they correlate to humans.

Social Studies

Living Medievally

Instructor: Brett Monnard

Step back into the Middle Ages through preparation and participation in a Medieval Festival. Spend the week developing a medieval personality that will attend a Medieval Feast (featuring authentic recipes you and your classmates will prepare), enjoy medieval entertainment (including a demonstration of medieval arms and armor), and take part in a mock combat. In the process, you will learn how people in the middle ages lived, worked and played.

Women in History**Instructor: Lauren Rogan**

Women have shaped history in powerful and lasting ways, yet many of their stories are often overlooked. Explore women from different time periods and cultures who influenced history through leadership, ideas and innovation. From the reign of the Egyptian pharaoh Hatshepsut to figures such as Mary Shelley, Katherine Johnson and Elizabeth Blackwell, discover how these women helped shape the world around them.

World War II**Instructor: Ian Malmstrom**

This class will cover World War II from start to finish. Go in-depth into the causes of World War II, the Battle of France, the Battle of Britain, Operation Barbarossa, Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Midway, the Battle of Stalingrad, D-Day, the War in the Pacific, and more.

Special Interest**Chef for a Week****Instructor: Karen Carlson and Olivia Huisenga**

Do you enjoy cooking for yourself and others? Work in groups and learn how to follow recipes, apply cooking techniques, and complete prep work. You will be able to enjoy the food you prepare. Time within the classroom will be split between learning and understanding material and concepts and preparing recipes.

*Chef for a Week***Chess****Instructor: Ian Malmstrom**

For beginners to advanced players, come and learn chess in a fun and interactive way. Discover how to play the game, including general rules, strategies and tactics, and different attacks. Go back to medieval times to explore the history of chess. Your efforts will culminate in a tournament of champions.

Smart Money**Instructor: Todd Rittenhouse**

Are you interested in what it takes to become a millionaire? Do you know how to be smart with your money? Learn how to invest in the stock market, build an investment portfolio, and compete in a stock market challenge. You will also learn about personal finance topics such as the cost of college and being a good saver.

Tranquil Teens**Instructors: Michael Staub**

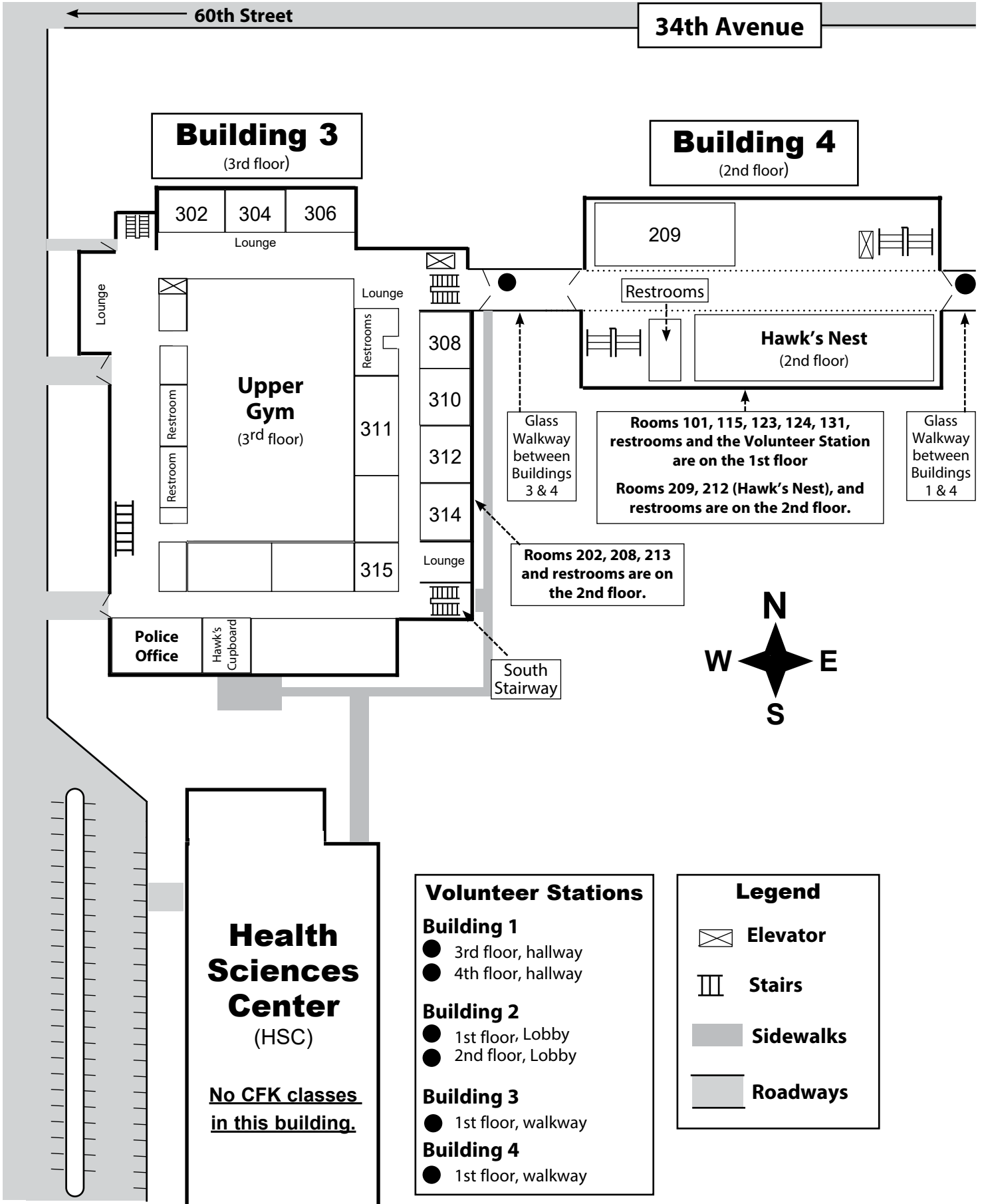
Feeling overwhelmed by school, relationships or the constant buzz of technology? This class is designed to help you understand stress, manage intense emotions and build practical coping skills. Through mindfulness, emotional regulation and communication, you'll learn how to handle life's pressures with confidence. Join us for interactive activities, real-life tools and a supportive space to find your calm.

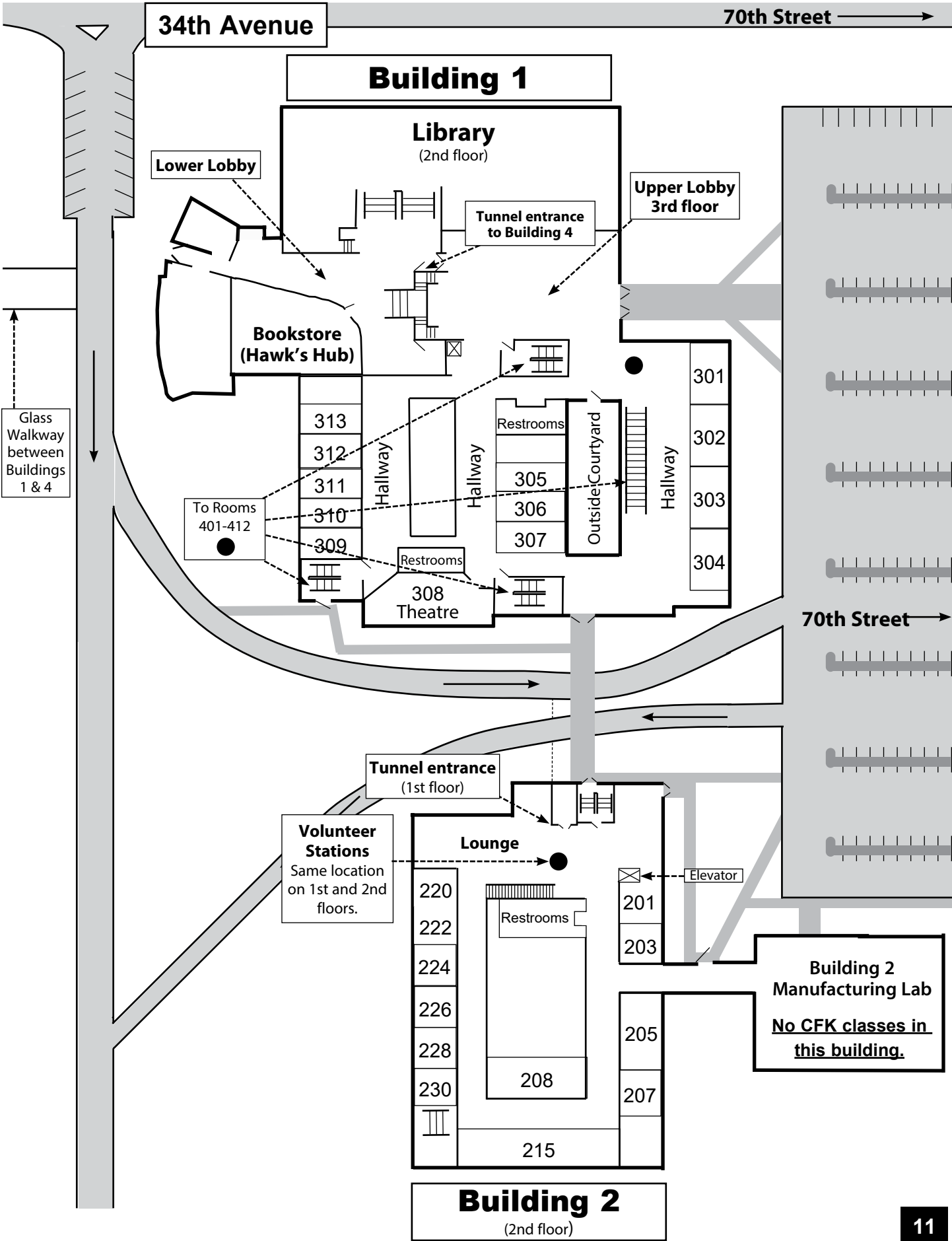
What Career is Right for Me?**Instructor: Angela Clark**

Believe it or not, now is a good time to start thinking about what you might want to do after high school. Spend time doing activities such as career assessment, learning about a monthly budget, and discovering how to talk to professionals. There is a whole world of careers for you to explore! Let's start your journey!

Student Testimonial

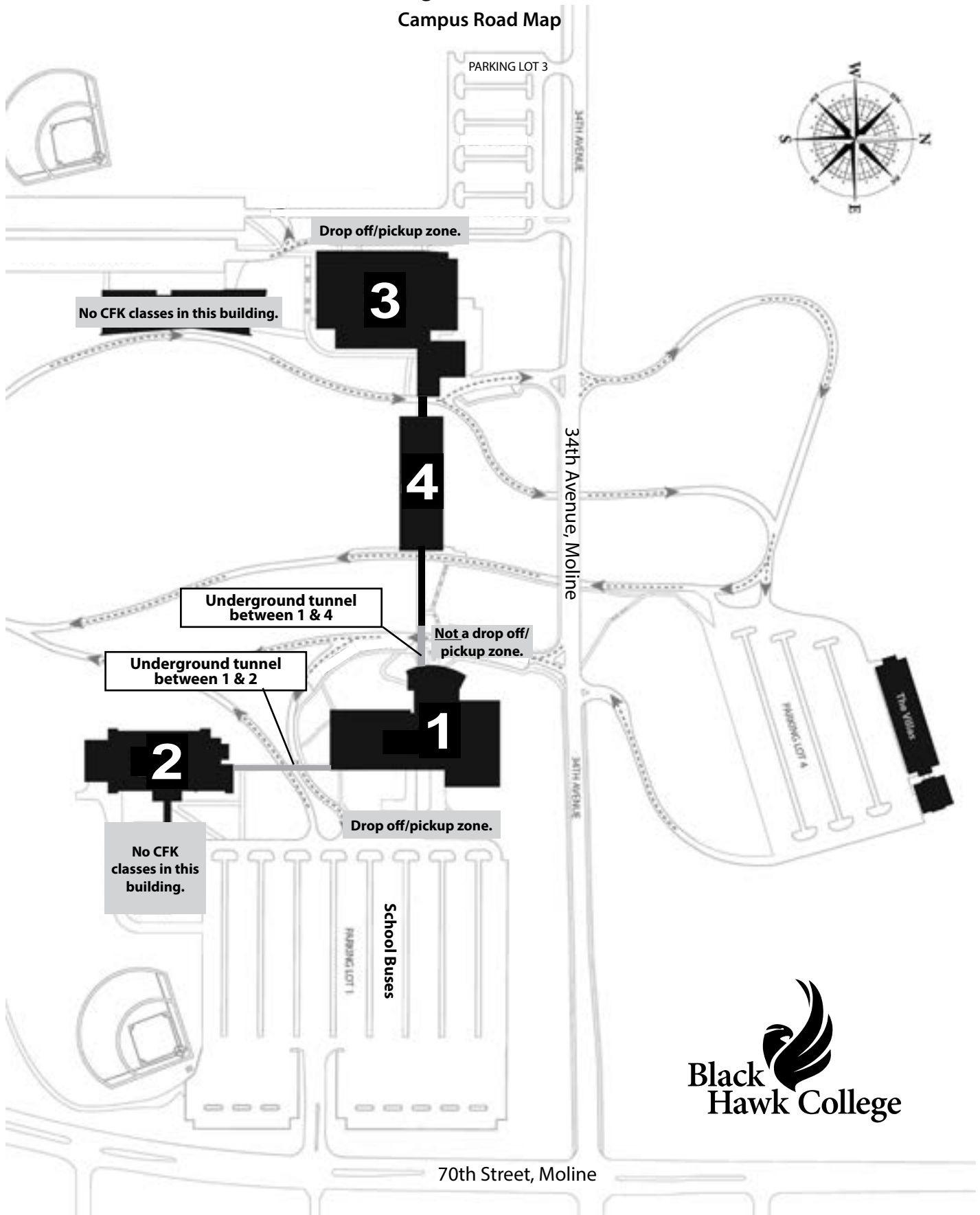
"The teachers are caring, they understand what we think."





Black Hawk College, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL

Campus Road Map



Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form

Receive \$65 off the \$115 fee.

Volunteer all 5 days, every afternoon from 1-4:30 p.m. July 20-24.

- There are 6 volunteer positions available.
- You will be notified by phone or email if you are one of the first 6.
- Parent/guardian should not have applied for financial aid.
- Please pay the \$115. At the conclusion of the program, a check will be issued for the \$65.

Types of duties:

- Picking up attendance forms
- Assisting in classrooms
- Running errands between classrooms and the CFK office
- Monitoring hallways

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Student's Name _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

For more information, call 309-796-8222.

Return this form no later than Monday, June 22 to be considered.

Mail to:

BHC - College for Kids
301 Avenue of the Cities
East Moline, IL 61244



Financial Aid Request Form

- **Due date: Monday, June 1, 2026.** Forms received after June 1 but postmarked June 1 will be accepted.
- Return completed form with the Registration Form.
- Only partial awards will be given.
- **Your Financial Aid Request Form must be accompanied by a minimum of \$60 which will be applied to the registration fee. This will register the student into the program.**
- You will be notified of any financial aid applied to your student’s balance the week of June 8.

Please note: Students dropping after the July 2 drop date will not be refunded the \$60 payment. Once you are notified of a financial aid award, the balance (if any) must be paid by July 2 or the student will be dropped from the program.

Student’s Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone _____ Email Address _____

Information below must be completed in full to be considered.

Total gross yearly household income \$ _____ Total number of people in the home _____

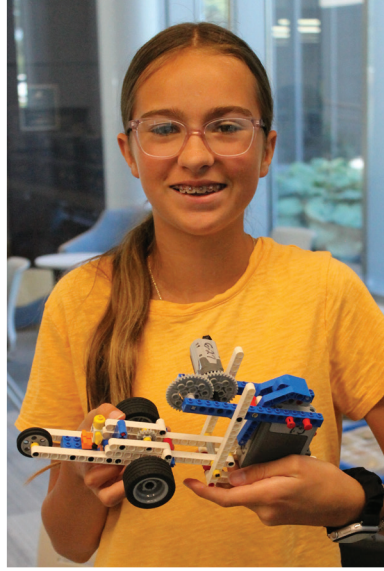
List reasons financial assistance is needed in order for your child to attend CFK. Information is kept strictly confidential. (Continue on reverse side if additional space is needed.)

I certify this information to be accurate: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

For CFK Office Use Only

Financial Aid: Denied _____	Granted _____	Student Awarded: \$ _____	Balance Due: \$ _____
Student Paid: Date _____	Check # _____	Credit Card _____	Amount: \$ _____
Date _____	Check # _____	Credit Card _____	Amount: \$ _____



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