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CLAUDE CODE FOR SCHOOL LEADERS · CHEAT SHEET

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01 Getting in

`Command` + `Space`	Type **Terminal**, press Return.
`cd`	Type cd and a space, drag your project folder onto the window, press Return.
`claude`	Starts Claude Code in that folder: its desk.
`claude -c`	Reopens your most recent session in this folder.
`/exit`	Leaves Claude Code.

02 Keys

`Return`	Send your request.
`Esc`	Stop Claude mid-step; it keeps the work done so far. On a permission box, Esc says no.
`Shift` + `Tab`	Next permission mode, read in the footer: **auto** → **manual** → **accept edits** → **plan** → back to auto.
`Control` + `V`	Paste a copied picture. (Command+V does not paste pictures in Terminal.)
`Control` + `J`	New line without sending. Or type \ then press Return.
`Up arrow`	Bring back an earlier request.
`Control` + `]`	Reopen this session's latest artifact.

03 Type these inside Claude Code

`/model`	Choose which Claude does the work.
`/effort`	Set how thorough it is; medium is the default.
`/usage`	See how much of your plan you have used.
`/init`	Write CLAUDE.md, the standing note for this project.
`/config`	Preferences, including the mode a session starts in.
`/resume`	Reopen a past conversation in this folder.
`/clear`	Start a fresh conversation; the old one stays resumable.
`/help`	List the commands, each with what it does.
`/mcp`	See your connectors and sign in to them.
`/artifacts`	Find the pages you have published.
`/remote-control`	Steer this session from your phone.
`/privacy-settings`	Check whether your chats may train models.

04 Install once

CLAUDE CODE, FROM CLAUDE.COM

```
curl -fsSL https://claude.ai/install.sh | bash
```

Then, in a new window: `claude --version`

HOMEBREW, FROM BREW.SH

```
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/insta
ll/HEAD/install.sh)"
```

Run the lines it prints under Next steps.

THE STARTER TOOLKIT

```
brew install git gh node uv
```

05 GitHub

ONCE, IN A FRESH TERMINAL WINDOW

```
gh auth login
```

Answers: GitHub.com · HTTPS · Yes · Login with a web browser. Enter the one-time code in the browser.

THEN ASK CLAUDE CODE

"Am I connected to GitHub?"

"Put this project on GitHub as a private repository."

"commit and push"

"Publish the dashboard with GitHub Pages." Pages sites are public.

06 Good first requests

"What's in this folder?"

"How many students are enrolled this year, by division? Use the enrollment export."

"How did you count that?"

"Save that as a one-page summary I can paste into my board report."

"Does this handbook contradict itself anywhere on personal days? Give me page numbers."

"What is on my calendar the week of February 8, and which meetings need prep?"

"Publish the dashboard as an artifact so I can share it with Priya."

07 Before you put real school data in

Check your school's policy and your plan's data settings (claude.ai, Settings, then Privacy) before anything with student or staff names goes in.

Export student ids, not names: the analysis does not need names.

Claude makes mistakes, so ask for counts and sources, spot-check one number against the original, and read every word before it goes out.

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