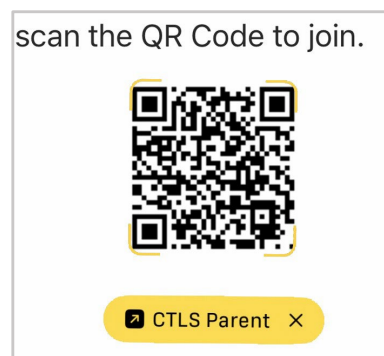# How to Join a Group From a Group Code

It's easy to join a Group using an invitation link or by scanning a QR Code. When you sign up for a "public" group, you'll automatically be added. If it is a "private" group, the group owner will need to approve your request to join.
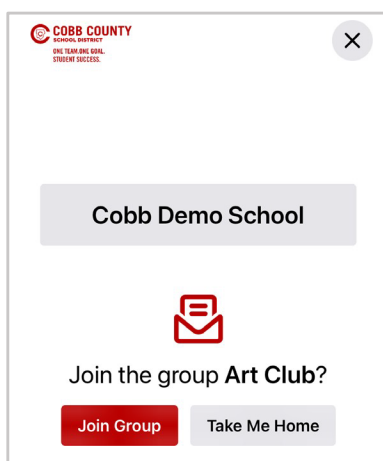
Join Group – Using Mobile App

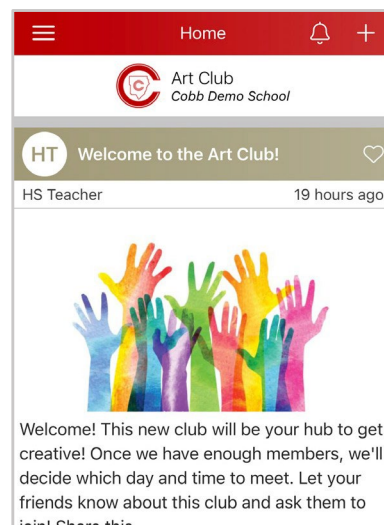1. Tap the **link** in a message or a post.

2. Or, scan the QR code on a handout or poster.
   - Use your phone camera.
   - Tap the **CTLS Parent** button.

3. Tap the **Join Group** button. *You'll be prompted to log in if you aren't already logged in*
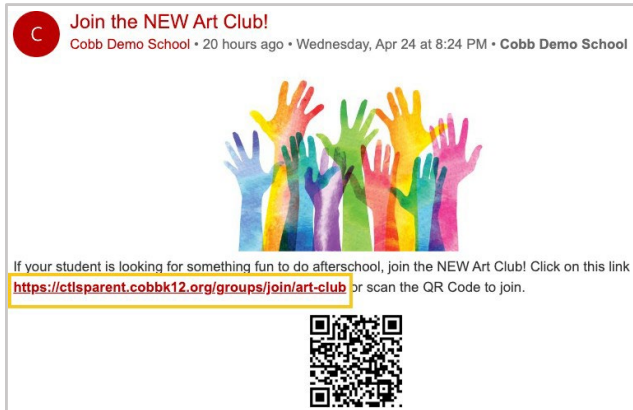

4. If this is a public group, you're automatically added. If it's a private group, this request to join will need to be approved before you are added to the group.
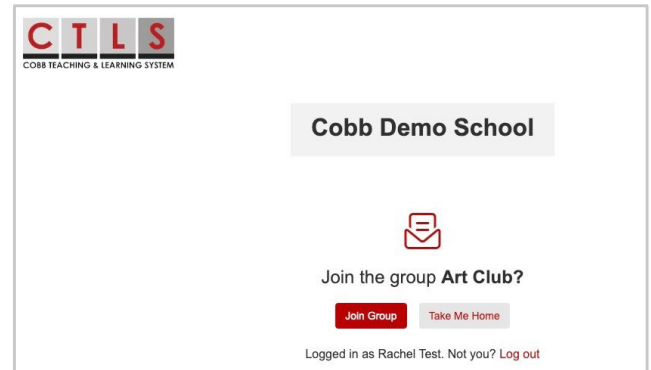
Join Group – Using a Web Browser

1. Click the **link** in a message or a post.

Note: If you scan the QR code in a message, or on a handout with your phone, it'll open the CTLS Parent app on your phone.

3. If this is a public group, you'll see a banner, "Successfully joined group." If it's a private group, this request to join will need to be approved before you are added to the group.

2. Click the **Join Group** button. *You'll be prompted to log in if you aren't already logged in.*