

## Signing up for Text Messaging in Blackboard

### About alphaTXT and GRCC

What is alphaTXT

alphaTXT is a permission-based text messaging system that allows you to receive text messages from your school right on your phone. You can also receive email copies of messages, so you never miss important school-related announcements and information.

What kinds of messages would I get?

This is completely up to your school to determine what types of messages they send to you. But just to give you an idea, here are a few messages your school might send:

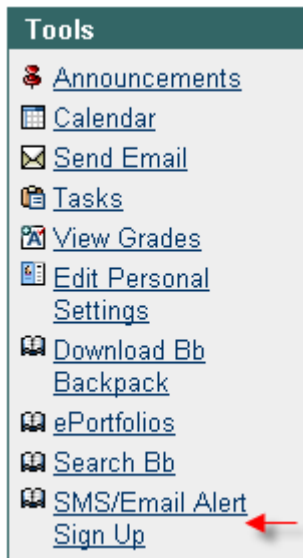
- Emergency/crisis alerts (e.g., "Mandatory evacuation. Buses waiting now at auditorium").
- School closings (e.g., "All classes canceled today. Stay tuned for details").
- Computing and e-learning notifications (e.g., "Campus computer systems will be offline for maintenance this Saturday").
- Registration information (e.g., class drop/add schedule, tuition due dates).
- Important campus happenings and events (e.g., guest speakers, orientation).
- School sports events (e.g., tickets for the basketball game go on sale today @ 2:00).

I don't want to get any spam on my phone!

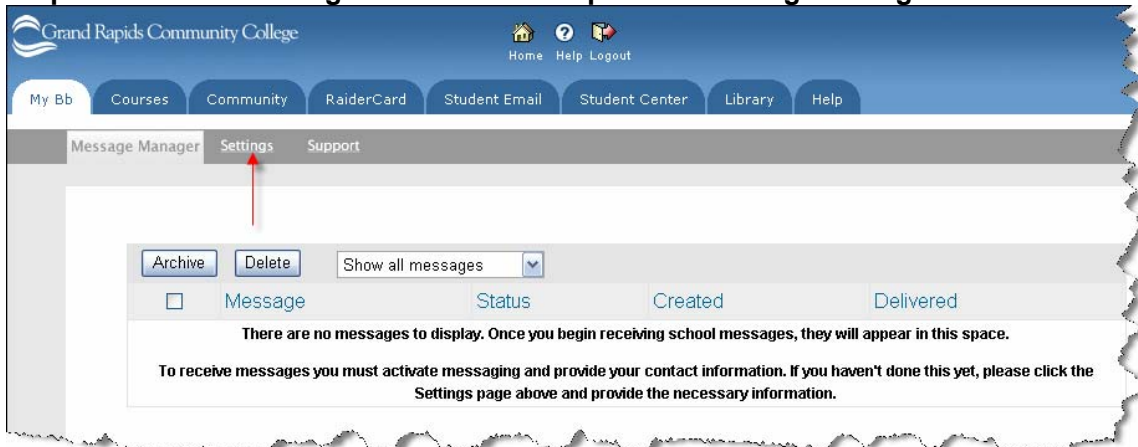
We couldn't agree with you more. alphaTXT is completely permission based (opt-in) and only your school administrator (or approved school personnel) can send messages...all this means there is absolutely no spam.

### Step 1: Login to Blackboard

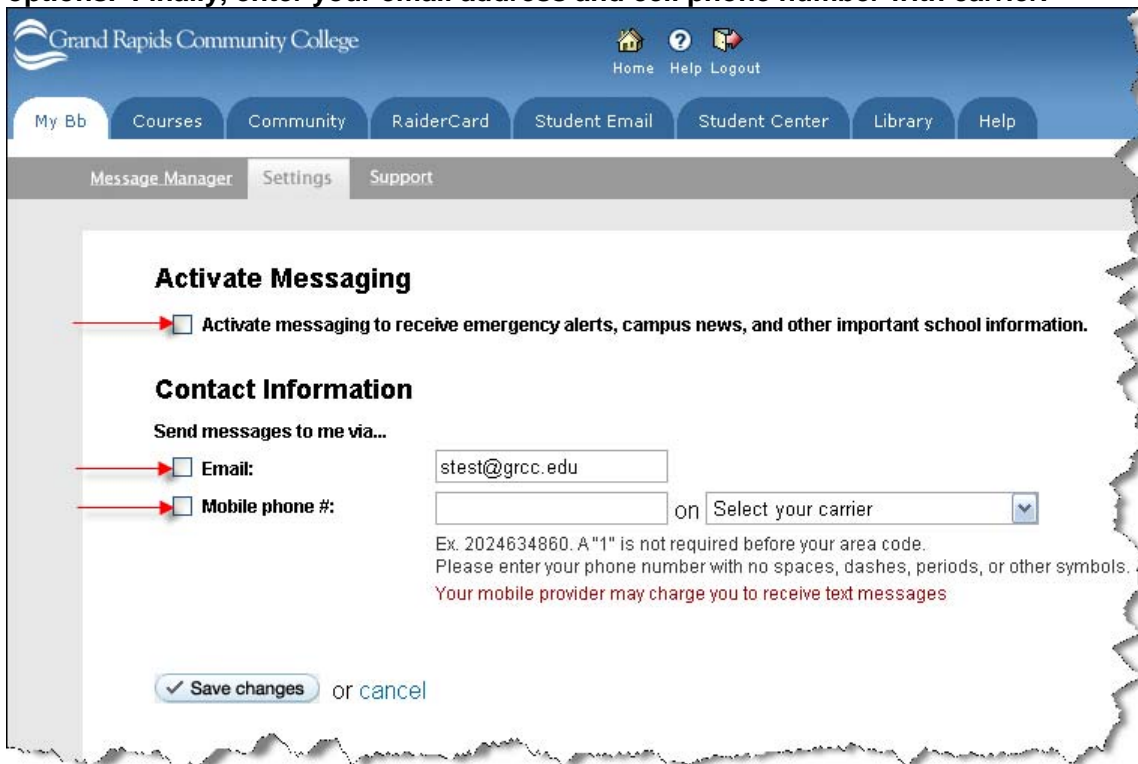
### Step 2: Click the "SMS/Email Alert Sign Up" Link from the Tools Panel



**Step 3: Click the “Settings” Link from the alphaTXT Message Manager**



**Step 4: Click the check boxes to activate messaging and to select the delivery options. Finally, enter your email address and cell phone number with carrier.**



**Troubleshooting**

If you are having difficulty access the Setting screen, ensure that your browser supports session cookies. For example, in Internet Explorer, go to Tools | Internet Options | Privacy Advanced, and ensure that the checkbox for Session Cookies is checked. In addition, it is often helpful to try another browser such as Mozilla Firefox.

