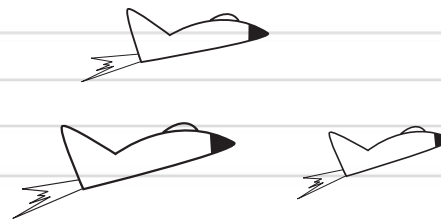


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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing School Tycoon. This manual describes the basics of installing and starting the game as well as running through the basic controls and interface. To learn all of the gameplay essentials, it is necessary that you play through the game's tutorial.

Minimum System Requirements

Please be sure your computer meets or exceeds the following requirements before installing and playing School Tycoon.

Win 98/ME/2000/XP
500MHz or faster
128MB
500MB free hard drive space
DirectX 9 compatible 3D card with 16MB RAM
(32MB recommended)
DirectX 9 compatible sound card
8X CD-ROM Drive or better
Keyboard and Mouse

Installing School Tycoon

1. Insert the School Tycoon CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. If you have never installed School Tycoon and your autorun feature is enabled, the install process will begin a few seconds after you have inserted the CD. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the game.
3. If the Autorun feature is not enabled on your computer, you must manually install the game. Double click My Computer on your Windows desktop. Double click on the CD-ROM drive where the School Tycoon game CD is located. Finally, double click setup.exe and then follow the onscreen instructions to install the game.

The School Tycoon Launcher

To access the School Tycoon launcher, first click the Start button on your Windows desktop. Select Programs, School Tycoon. Finally, click the School Tycoon shortcut. This will open the School Tycoon launcher. Click the 'Play Game' button to start the game.

From the launcher you may also visit the Cat Daddy and GlobalStar websites or check for game updates.

Updating the Game

Periodically, we may update the game with various fixes or enhancements. Click 'Check for Updates' to find and install the latest patch if one is available. You will see a progress window after selecting 'Check for Updates'. If no update is available, the progress window will say so.

Uninstalling the Game

To uninstall the game you must first open your computer's control panel from the Windows Start Menu. Double click Add / Remove Programs then left click on School Tycoon (you may have to scroll through the list to find the game). Finally, click the Remove button and then follow the onscreen instructions to uninstall School Tycoon.

MAIN MENU

PLAY

Click the Play button to enter the Play Menu. You have several options within the Play menu:

- Challenge Mode - Challenge mode offers 8 scenarios in 3 difficulty categories. We suggest starting with the beginning scenarios as they supplement the Tutorial and will gradually increase in goals, offering a fuller game experience. Intermediate and



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Hard scenarios will test the resolve of even the most skilled of superintendents. Select a Difficulty category and then select a Scenario in the list on the right. A short description of the scenario appears in the box on the left. Click Start to begin playing the scenario.

- Instant Action - This is a sandbox mode with no goals to meet and enough cash to get you started. You simply select the type of environment in which you wish to build (Farmland, Beach or City) and then click Start to build and play however you want. Bear in mind, you can still go Bankrupt!
- Load Game - To load a saved game, select a game from the list then click Start.
- Tutorial - Click the Tutorial button to learn how to play with step-by-step instructions. After clicking the Tutorial button, click Next to continue or Quit to return to the Play Menu.

SETTINGS

Click the Settings button to adjust video and sound related options. If you are experiencing slow frame rates, select the lower game settings until the game runs at a smooth speed.

RUN UPDATER

Clicking 'Run Updater' closes the game and opens the School Tycoon launcher, allowing you to check for updates.

QUIT

Click the Quit button to exit the game and return to the Windows desktop.

GAME OVERVIEW



BUILDING / HIRING BUTTONS

The Building / Hiring buttons are located at the top-left section of the screen.



Buildings (B) - Click the Buildings button to access the various buildings you can purchase and place in the game world. Select a category and building type, then click on the picture of the building. Left click on the game world to place the building. Right click to rotate the building before placing it. If you change your mind and do not wish to place the selected building, click the trash can button in the lower right hand section of the screen to return to the default mouse pointer.



★ Note: Be sure to check a building's cost and your available cash before making the purchase.

★ TIP: The Medium and Deluxe buildings aren't just for show. They also have hidden bonuses that can boost your school's statistics.



Objects (D) - Click the Objects button to access various items such as fences and statues to place in the game world.

★ TIP: Students like a cool looking campus. Placing things like fountains, trees, and places to sit will help build morale.



Landscape (T) - Choosing landscape is similar to Objects, except this category only includes bushes and trees.



Paths (P) - Paths are necessary to connect your buildings together, allowing students and staff to reach their destinations more quickly. Click the middle button to place lawns.

Click and drag on the ground to place the paths. There are four different modes of placing paths.

1. Area: Draws a wide area of path.
2. Free Draw: Use the mouse cursor to draw path as you would drawing a picture.
3. Line Snap: Click and drag the mouse to draw a straight line.
4. Smart Paths: Click and drag the mouse to form the most efficient path between 2 points.

If you are unhappy with your paths or lawns, use the bulldozer tool to erase them. It's FREE!



★ TIP: Students don't like bare ground. Placing paths and lawns will boost their morale.



Hire Staff (S) - Classrooms and gymnasiums are but empty shells unless you hire people to work in them. Everyone from Principals to lunch ladies are available in this list. Scroll through the various employees to see their ratings and wage demands to find the ideal candidate for the job.

★ TIP: Hiring teachers is more important than you'd think! A lot of your money goes to paying their salaries and you can't always afford the best one. Choose them wisely.

INFORMATION / OPTIONS BUTTONS

This section of the interface allows you to check on staff members, students and buildings as well as view helpful financial and statistical information. You can also Save and Exit the game from here.



Staff List - Click the Staff List button to find various employees. You can choose to view the entire staff, or view employees by category (teachers, maintenance, etc.)



Student List - You can see a breakdown of your students by clicking the Students List button.



Buildings List - Allows you to browse all of the buildings in your school. Click the Buildings List button, and then select a category to see all available buildings in that category.

★ TIP: Keep an eye on the conditions of your buildings. Neglected buildings will spell trouble for a larger school if a disaster strikes.





Graphs - Click the Graphs button to track financial and informational statistics of your school including profits, student morale, etc. You should use the graphs and charts to get a good general idea of how your school is doing.



Options (Esc) - Click the Options button then click the Save Game button to save your existing game. Click in the top text box to rename your game, then click the Save button.

★ Note: Your game is "Auto Saved" every time the bus arrives, so if you mess up or forget to save, you can get your school back by going to the load game menu and loading the 'auto save' game!

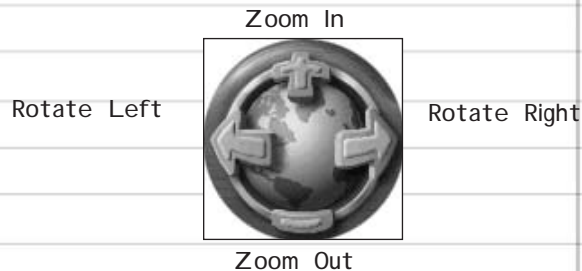
Click the Exit Game button to return to the Main Menu.

Camera Controls

Move the mouse pointer to an edge of the screen (or use the arrow keys on your keyboard) to pan the game camera in that direction.

Click the Zoom In/Out buttons to move the camera closer or farther away. Alternatively, you may use the mouse wheel to zoom the camera in and out.

Click the Rotate Left/Right buttons or press the " / " and " * " keys on the Numpad section of your keyboard to spin the camera.



Game Speed



Click the 1x button to play the game in Normal speed.

Click the 2x button to double game speed.

Click the 4x button to quadruple game speed (useful when you have things under control and are waiting for a game event or building up money).

Click the Pause button or press the Space Bar to Pause the game. Pressing the Space Bar again will un-pause the game.

Extra Extra



Not only does the school paper keep you up-to-date on all the latest happenings, it has some awesome coupons that allow you to buy events that boost your school's, students' or teachers' stats. For instance, the 'Staff Meeting' event permanently increases your teachers' skills without increasing their salary.

Click the Read Newspaper button to open the paper. Click the Previous and Next buttons to scroll through the pages.

Click a coupon to read its description. If you have enough money, click the Purchase button to buy the event. Click Cancel to return to the school paper.

To close the Read Newspaper screen, click the Close button at the bottom center.



Objectives



If you need a reminder of what a particular scenario's objectives are, simply click the Objectives button at the bottom of the screen. Click the Objectives button again, or click the X in the top right corner, to close the Objectives window and continue playing.

If you have either passed or failed the scenario, the bottom of the Objectives window will include Quit and Play buttons. Click Quit to end the scenario so that you may start again or play another. Click Play to continue playing the scenario in Free Play mode.

Message History



Only one message can be displayed at a time in the message window at the bottom of the screen. Click the Message History button to see a list of all messages you've received (in case you miss a particularly important message). Click the Message History Button again, or click the X in the top right corner, to close the list.

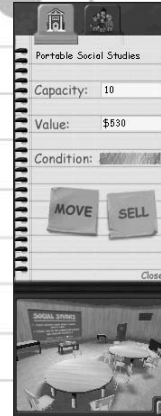
Focus Button



The Focus button blinks whenever there is a problem with a particular building, staff member or student. Click the Focus button to automatically move the camera to the problem area so you may fix whatever is wrong.

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Building Information Window



Click on a building to see its information window. The window appears in the middle right hand section of the screen.

Click the Move button to move the building to another location. Click the Sell button to remove the building and make some cash off of it.

Click the Occupants tab to see the Staff and Students that are in the building. Click "Close" to close the window the Building Information window.



Depending upon the building, the School Grades are replaced with a small window showing the inside of the building. Click the Expand window button to view the inside of that building in full screen.



While inside the building, click the Change Camera button to view the building at different angles. Some buildings have more views than others. Click the Expand Window button again to return to the game.

Staff Member Information Window



Click on a staff member to see his/her information window. The window appears in the middle right hand section of the screen.





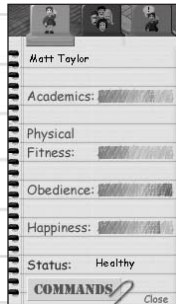
Click the hand icon to pick up the staff member and move them to another location. This is especially handy when you want to quickly staff a classroom or clean up a trash-covered path.

Click the Comment History button to see the staff member's comments. These are a good indicator of whether you have a happy or disgruntled employee.

Click the Fire button to remove a staff member from your payroll, but think before you click. Once you fire a staff member, there is no way to get that staff member back.

Click the Close button to close the window.

Student Information Window



Click on a student to see his/her information window. The window appears in the middle right hand section of the screen.

Status shows the student's health. If the status is healthy you have nothing to worry about, but if the status is NOT healthy, that student may need to see the nurse.

Click the Commands button to command a student to goof off, go to the nurse, send them to detention or outright expel them from your school.

Click the Personality tab to see what makes each student unique.

Click the Comment History tab to see what a student has been saying about your school and teachers. This is a great way to find out problems you need to address.



TIP: Students will always have a specific reason for leaving your school. Read their comments before they reach the exit to find out why they're leaving.

Click the Close button from any tab to close the window.

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