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Register Now! Last Round of 2019-20 Home Base Meet-Ups

Have you registered for the upcoming 2019-20 Home Base Meet-Ups? These meetings are devised for Home Base participants to meet, network and collaborate with their peers. The meet-ups are scheduled for Monday, **April 27** through Friday, **May 1**.

Due to COVID-19 and this unprecedented time, we have shifted the Home Base Meet-Ups to a virtual format. We feel collaboration is more important now than ever before, and we hope you can join us virtually!

For complete registration details, please link to the [Home Base Meet-Ups Invite](#) and select the virtual session registration links to register.

AIG Spring Headcount Collection

Recently, we gathered input about the AIG Headcount collection date to determine the needs of districts and participating charters. While many impacted expressed feeling prepared to move forward with our usual April collection, many others are facing significant access issues that would impede their ability to report the headcount accurately using our usual window. Therefore, we have decided to **move the AIG Spring Headcount submission window back to June 1 - June 15, 2020 for this year due to the COVID-19 impact on schools and districts**. It is imperative to note that with this late window so close to many end of year processes, we will not have any flexibility to extend the deadline or re-open district instances to fix data. With this later window, we will need all data approved at both the school and LEA level no later than June 15, 2020.



State Approved Grading Policy (K-11) and Documentation

On April 23rd, the State Board of Education passed a [new policy for grading](#) students in grades K-11. The Digital Teaching and Learning Home Base Team is currently developing documentation to meet the new policy. We understand the urgent need for this documentation and are working diligently to provide in a timely manner.

Understanding GPA Calculations with .5 Credits

Last week, the Home Base team shared resources with guidance on COVID-19 grading for seniors. Since then, several questions have surfaced on how the GPA calculates with 0.5 credits. In order to assist with the understanding of GPAs, we have created the [Understanding GPA QRD](#). It is designed to aid you in assisting your stakeholders on how the GPA calculation works. If you need further guidance or assistance with understanding this process, please contact the Home Base Team at home_base@dpi.nc.gov.





PowerSchool Field Word Change

As part of last weekend's 19.11.0.2 PowerSchool upgrade, the field "Gender" was changed to display as "Sex" for the Student, Staff and Contact Gender fields. See the examples below:

Previous Student Demographic screen display:

Gender	<input type="text"/>
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New Student Demographic Display in version 19.11.0.2:

Sex	<input type="text"/>
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Please note: *this is only a display change* on the front end and the field name will remain as "Gender" in the database for exporting/importing records. Therefore, when running exports out of PowerSchool, make sure to change your headers from "Gender" to "Sex." An example of this is below from class lists.

	Field Name	Column Title
Fields	SchoolID	School
Fields	LastFirst	Name
Fields	Grade_Level	Grade
Fields	Gender	Sex
Fields	Student_Number	Student #
Fields		

Please make sure to review your exports and change the header from "Gender" to "Sex." The header changes will be automated at a later date.

Looking for Online PD Credits?

NC Administrators and Staff may be researching the [NC Educator Effectiveness System](#) PD for Staff to complete while working remote.



NOTE: Not all staff have access to this online system.

The Educator Effectiveness Department created courses listed here: rt3nc.org. These online professional modules are only available in NCDPI's Home Base/NCEES system. Access to online PD in the Home Base system is managed through an active employee ID Number, so only current employees of North Carolina public school districts or charter schools can access Home Base. There is no mechanism for others to access and use the educator resources housed in the Home Base system.

What follows are suggested PD Resources for CEU credits, not all are endorsed by NCDPI. DPI Open Access Modules are free, the rest may have a cost. Staff should follow local PSU guidelines and policies to obtain approval for taking PD outside that are offered locally.

Click Here: [Online Professional Development for Credit Resources](#)

A graphic featuring the word "FREE" in white capital letters inside a red speech bubble. Below the speech bubble, the word "Webinars" is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

FREE Webinars



NCEES Webinars

Mark your calendars for the upcoming NCEES webinars! All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Webinar Series document located on <http://bit.ly/ncees-support>. Click the titles or dates below to register. Please click the following link to review the full list and to access past recorded sessions: [NCEES 2019-2020 Webinars](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

[1. New Assistant Principal NCEES Series](#)

Note: Participants only register 1 time for all 10 meetings included in the series.

Description: New assistant principals need consistent ongoing support.

Remaining Dates: Tue, Apr 28, Tue, May 26, Jun 16, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

2. NEW! Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 & Part 2

Notes: NCEES Training Site Account logins will be made available at the start of the webinar.

Description: "Expanding the Pathway to PD - Part 1, May 5th(AM) and May 7th(PM)" training webinars will cover in depth how to manage a local PSU PD Office within NCEES PD component to create all types of Learning Opportunities and award CEUs to your educators. "Expanding the Pathway to PD - Part 2, May 12th(AM) and May 14th(PM)" training webinar will cover in depth how to manage Learning Opportunity Rosters, local PD Playlists and Transfer Credit Manager to record CEUs for administrators, teachers and support staff.

Target Audience: Administrators in NCEES supporting Professional Learning/Development

Click Date to Register for Part 1: [Tue, May 5 10AM-12PM](#) or [Tue, May 7 1PM-3PM](#)

Click Date to Register for Part 2: [Tue, May 12 10AM-12PM](#) or [Tue, May 14 1PM-3PM](#)

3. EOY for Teachers/ Support Staff [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

4. EOY for Principals [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

Remember to visit the [NC SIS website](#) for additional information including webinars and training documentation. Follow us on twitter [@NCHomeBase](#).

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