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NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

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Home Base Maintenance Weekend - May 15-18

The next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is planned for Friday, May 15 through Monday, May 18, 2020. This maintenance will only include the PowerSchool application.

PowerSchool will be taken offline, Friday at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, May 18 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is complete, the maintenance curtain in PowerSchool will be taken down so that users will not have to wait on NCDPI's approval.

Questions or comments pertaining to this maintenance activity may be addressed to home_base@dpi.nc.gov. Stay apprised of all Home Base planned maintenance periods by visiting our [2019-20 Home Base Maintenance Schedule](#).





Updates to 6-8 and 9-11 COVID-19 Grading QRDs

The Home Base team has made updates to the [COVID-19 Grading for 9-11 & Non-Graduating Seniors QRD](#) and the [COVID-19 Grading for 6-8 QRD](#). Both updates deal specifically with grading for high school courses in response to questions raised by PSUs.

1. If a PSU is unable to contact a student to get their preference for a PC19/WC19 vs. a numeric grade, PSUs should insert the PC19/WC19 code. These students will have a 45-day window next school year to provide their preference and have their records updated.

2. For year-long high school courses, we have confirmed that PSUs may choose how to store the half credit for Semester 2. If a student's cumulative Final Grade (F1) percentage in a yearlong course is higher than the Semester 1 (S1) or Semester 2 (S2) percentages, PSUs will replace their Semester 1 (S1) and Semester 2 (S2) percentages with the higher cumulative Final Grade (F1) percentage. PSUs may choose to store either S2 or F1 into the C19 term for the second half credit.

New Grading QRDs

The Home Base team has developed two NEW QRDs in response to questions raised by PSUs:

1. The [Managing & Using Comment Banks in PowerTeacher Pro QRD](#) will assist PSUs who wish to use standardized comments alongside PC19/WC19/NG19 special code scores.
2. The [Hiding COVID-19 Percentages from Students and Parents QRD](#) will assist PSUs who wish to ensure students and parents do not see the 0% score associated with the PC19/WC19/NG19 special code scores.

Comments pertaining to these QRDs may be addressed to home_base@dpi.nc.gov.

Quick Reference Documents

The Home Base Team will be providing quick reference documents, QRDs, by May 15, 2020, to adjust school calendars for the 2020-2021 school year based on SL 704 section 5.11.(a). Please wait for these documents before adjusting the school calendars for next year.



PowerSchool (SIS)

[NC SIS News](#)

[NC SIS Resources](#)

[PowerSchool Reporting Templates](#)

[Recorded Refreshers](#)

Website Change: NC SIS Resources

All PowerSchool documentation has been consolidated into one page on the NCDPI website for easy access. The new page is named *NC SIS Resources* which can be found by navigating to the [NCDPI Website's Home page](#) > Educators > Home Base > PowerSchool (SIS) > NC SIS Resources. You may also locate the page by clicking on the direct link: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/home-base/powerschool-sis/nc-sis-resources>.

Documentation includes:

- Academic Progress
- Admit/Withdraw, Attendance
- Courses
- End of Year
- PowerTeacher Pro
- Scheduling
- School Information
- Standards Based Grading and Reporting
- Student Information

If you need assistance in locating these documents, please contact Yolanda Wilson, yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov.



PBS Learning Media

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

PBS and each local station has curated FREE, standards aligned-videos, interactives, and lesson plans for teachers. There are two resource searches on the home page. You can click on “choose station” at the top of the page which will allow you to see educational resources and station-sponsored events near you; or you can search on classroom resources. At the bottom of the page you can browse by subject and browse by grade.

Grade Level: Pre-K to 12. Each grade level has videos, interactive lessons, interactive and lesson plans on the subject.

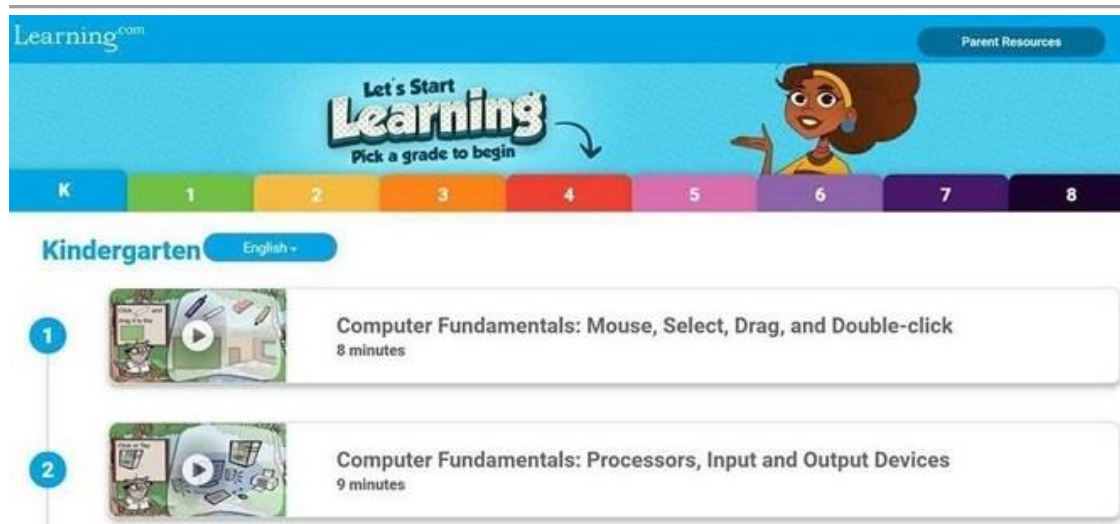
Access: You can create an account for PBS and sign in or visit the site as a guest. A student can create an account too. On the Students page they can view their assignments, projects, classes and their favorites.

Support Materials: Video’s, handouts, teaching tips, additional information, vocabulary and reading lessons are provided to assist in the teaching progression of the subject matter.

Standard Requirements: Each resource shows how it meets both the State Standard as well as the National Standards.

Please share this resource with your teachers, admins and any other pertinent staff that may find this tool useful. Check out more resources on the [NCDPI Remote Learning Website!](#)

NOTE: Please check PSU policies and consider HIPPA, FERPA, and COPPA laws with regards to student privacy BEFORE implementing any **free resources**.



The screenshot shows the Learning.com website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Learning.com logo on the left and a "Parent Resources" button on the right. Below the header is a large banner with the text "Let's Start Learning" and "Pick a grade to begin" with an arrow pointing to a grade-level navigation bar. The navigation bar consists of colored buttons for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for "Kindergarten" with a dropdown menu set to "English". Two lessons are listed:

1. **Computer Fundamentals: Mouse, Select, Drag, and Double-click**
8 minutes
2. **Computer Fundamentals: Processors, Input and Output Devices**
9 minutes

Learning.com Provides Free Access to Digital Skills Online Playlist - 05/08/20 Update

On Wednesday, April 29, 2020 Learning.com released a **FREE Digital Skills Playlist!**

NCDPI is happy to share that Learning.com’s online version of their K-8 student-led digital literacy lessons is free for all teachers and students to access and use. The Digital Skills Playlist includes grade-

specific lessons of individualized digital videos with an interactive and gamified interface that students complete at their own pace.

This subset of Learning.com's full digital literacy curriculum does not require a unique student log-in or district/school-level rostering. **NC public school unit (PSU) administrators or teachers can complete the form to receive a unique link for their students, allowing them to engage and gain access to critical digital literacy content during this learn-at-home season. If you are a teacher or administrator, you can share it with as many of your teachers, parents, and students as you want.**

We are very excited to make this available to all NC educators! Please click here for more information: <https://info.learning.com/digital-skills-playlist>. If you have any questions, please contact Learning.com's State Program Manager, Tiffany Kinney, tkinney@learning.com.

A graphic featuring a red speech bubble with the word "FREE" in white, followed by the word "Webinars" in a large, bold, blue font.

NCEES Webinars

NEW! Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 2

This hands-on training webinar will cover in depth how to manage NCEES PD Office Learning Opportunity Staff Rosters, Local PD Playlists and Transfer Credit Manager to record CEUs for administrators, teachers and support staff.

Part 2 of 2

Part 2 will be offered as repeat sessions, you are welcome to attend one or both. Training Account logins will be available.

- **Click Date to Register for Part 2:** [Tue, May 12 10AM-12PM](#) Or [Thurs, May 14 1PM-3PM](#)
- Please also consider registering in NCEES > Professional Development Tab for course #15263 (not required for attending this webinar)

Target Audience: Administrators in NCEES supporting Professional Learning and Development

NEW! NCEES CEUs - My PD, My Courses, My Transcript

Participants will learn in this hands-on training NCEES webinar how earned credits (CEUs) can show on the staff's "My Transcript", how to locate and take NCDPI and Locally Created Professional Learning Opportunities in NCEES, how to manage "My Courses", and how to enter Credit Request.

Date & Time: To be Announced (May)

Target Audience: Teachers, Support Staff, Administrators

New Assistant Principal NCEES Series

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

Description: Consistent ongoing support for New assistant principals.

Remaining Dates: Tue, **May 26**, Jun 16, 2020

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

Did you miss it?

- **Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 Tuesday** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 Thursday** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **New Assistant Principal NCEES Series - Tue, Apr 28** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **EOY for Teachers/ Support Staff** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **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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