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Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend

The next maintenance weekend is scheduled to occur **July 17-20, 2020**. The PowerSchool application will be brought down on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and returned to service on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. The system will be taken down again for the second part of maintenance on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. and returned to service on Sunday morning at 7 a.m. Maintenance will entail adding security patches to PowerSchool.



If you have any questions pertaining to this maintenance, please contact the Home Base Team at home_base@dpi.nc.gov.



Home Base Meet-Ups - July 27-31

The first round of Home Base Meet-Ups for the 2020-2021 school year is scheduled for Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31. Don't miss this great opportunity to collaborate and network with your peers. Due to COVID-19 and this unprecedented time, we have shifted the Home Base Meet-Ups to a virtual format. For complete details, please link to the [July 2020 HBMU Invitation](#). **Click on the individual link of the meetings you plan to attend on the date and time of the meeting.**

Revisions to Course Code Titles in CTE and Credit Value and GPA Added Value Changes

Some Course Codes have been updated for your use in the 2020-21 school year; most changes were title changes in the CTE area. These changes were due to title discrepancies, grammar/punctuation errors, and the need to become more consistent in our course titling process.



The updates can be found on the [Course Code Master List](#) under the appropriate tabs. Please review all of your courses to ensure they reflect the EOY title changes. As in years past, local titles will need to be changed manually by PSUs in order for report cards and transcripts to display correctly.



Final Graduation Data Verification Report Due 7/20

All LEAs must run the Final GDV Report, even if you did not make corrections/edits. See the message below.

DPI and PowerSchool have received several cases about the Final GDV report that is due on Monday, July 20. We have found that the summer graduates are not reporting properly, as we have seen in previous years. Students with a graduation date between July 1 and July 15, 2020 are to be reported as Summer Graduates on the Final GDV collection. However, the new hard-coded date was not moved to production this year, so you will need to modify the dates of all summer graduates. Even if you have already approved your district's GDV report, after reading the following information, you may want to go

back and make corrections to graduate records and submit again.

In order for 2020 summer graduates to be included in this year's cohort graduation rate, students who graduated between July 1, 2020 and July 15, 2020 must have a graduation date that is June 30, 2020 or earlier.

The Final GDV Report is due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20. However, there will be a correction window that will close at 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 24. PSUs who need to make corrections or modify any data for the 2020 Final GDV will need to request an extension by opening a PowerSchool Support case. If corrections are needed, please un-approve the report, make the corrections to graduates, rerun the report, and reapprove.

PowerSchool and ECATS Sync

The PowerSchool End of Year (EOY) process has successfully completed for this year; however, out of an abundance of caution, the data from PowerSchool is not yet syncing with the ECATS system. We expect all of the necessary files to be loaded into the system by **July 20**. Staff at new charter schools, please note that your data will not appear in the system until **August 1**.



CRDC Collection Period Amended

The CRDC 2019-20 Collection will not take place this year as scheduled. Data will be collected for the 2020-21 school year and the process will resume in the 2021-22 school year. The public comment period for the 2020-21 collection will close on 8/06/2020. Please see the [Federal Register](#) for proposed changes and feel free to provide comments.

For questions, contact Terra Dominguez, terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov.

NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING CLASS OF 2020-21 DELAY IN ADOPTION OF SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY



Due to the decision by the State Board of Education (SBE) to delay the adoption of the Social Studies Standard Course of Study, the graduation requirements have been changed for the incoming class of 2020-21. The GRAD-004 policy will be updated online soon. We wanted to share this information with you as it impacts your high school course scheduling for the incoming freshman. Note that the Economics and Personal Finance standards were approved by the SBE in June 2020 and will continue as a new graduation requirement.

Due to the changes, the following course codes will be **disabled** for the 2020-21 year:

- Course Code 4311 – American History: If students have been enrolled into 4311 - American History, they will need to be enrolled into another approved American History course.
- Course Code 4318 – Found Principles USA&NC: Civic Literacy: If students have been enrolled into 4318 - Founding Principles of United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy they will need to be enrolled into 4209 - Founding Principles, Civics and Economics.
- Course Code 9250 – American History: If students have been enrolled into 9250 - American History, they will need to be enrolled into 9247 - American History I or 9248 - American History II
- Course Code 9251 – Found Principles USA&NC: Civic Literacy: If students have been enrolled into 9251 - Founding Principles of United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy they will need to be enrolled into 9249 - Founding Principles, Civics and Economics.

Students must be moved out of 4311 – American History, 4318 – Found Prin USA&NC: Civic Literacy, 9250 – American History, and 9251 – Found Principles USA&NC: Civic Literacy courses no later than August 10, 2020 for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. On August 11, 2020 the course codes will be disabled. For more details see the information below.

ENTERING CLASS OF 2020-21

Future Ready Core Graduation Requirements for Social Studies

1. World History
2. **A Founding Principles Course: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics** *or* Founding Principles of United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy
3. **An American History Course: American History I, American History II,** *or* American History
4. Economics and Personal Finance

Note: Courses above are not listed in any recommended order of sequence.

Note: SBE recommends beginning with World History so that the new standards may be applied to the other courses starting in 2021-22.

Note: For students who took a SS course in middle school, it will count towards one of these graduation requirements since the standards have been delayed in adoption.

Occupational Course of Study for Social Studies

1. **A Founding Principles Course: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics** *or* Founding Principles of United States of American and North Carolina: Civic Literacy
2. Economics and Personal Finance

CLASS PRIOR TO 2020-21

Note: For students under the 2012 Grad Plan the State Board of Education approved in March remains in effect. [SBE Policy GRAD-004](#)



Newly Designated PowerSchool Technical Contacts Training - Updated Link

The Home Base team is planning a PowerSchool IPT Certification and Training session for PowerSchool coordinators who were designated as PowerSchool technical contacts (TCs) for their PSUs on or after 12/31/2019. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to request certification testing and/or training.

NCWiseOwl Webinars

Check out this NCWiseOwl professional learning opportunity for educators during July!

Create Online Student Connections with Gale

July 21, 2020, 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

[Register for Create Online Student Connections with Gale](#)



Gale resources can facilitate connections between learners even when your learning community is working virtually. In this session we will review collaboration and sharing tools found within *Gale in Context* and *Gale OneFile* collections to support students and teachers.



Common Sense Media - The Human Anatomy

With this website, be prepared to learn all about you...the inner part, the part of you that breathes, smells, taste, hears, sees, etc. Biodigital, with the assistance of other medical companies, has dissected [The Human Anatomy](#) from the head to the toe. This site will ignite the biologist in all of us.

Click on "Individuals – Start Now" and you can either create an account or login as a guest. Once you're on the site, start the journey by clicking on "Explore," and it will open an extensive content for you to choose which part of the body you want to discover. Choosing "All Categories" will open up to a 3D Library. For this article, I chose to delve into Eyes and Vision. **(Note: This site has a lot of free information but if you choose a subtopic that has "premium" written beside it, there is a cost to view).** I have chosen the subtopic, ["Eye Anatomy tour of the Inferior Oblique"](#). When you click on this link on the right hand side, there is a brief overview of the topic, and below the overview are chapters

about each individual part of the Inferior Oblique. From the “Explore” tab, if you choose “Anatomy by Systems,” the site breaks down the systems by gender: the female visual system, male digestive system, etc. From the same tab, if you choose “Anatomy by Region,” this section explores the brain, heart, back, upper limb, lower limb, etc. I truly enjoyed the 3D features of each organ part because it was very lifelike. The site doesn’t just put a picture of the organ on the screen, it unfolds each intricate vein, artery, muscle, and skin cell that the organ is made of, one at a time, until the entire organ is showing.

With all eyes and ears on COVID-19, the site has dedicated a section with in-depth information about the pandemic. [Coronavirus Interactive 3D Media Assets](#) has simplified the complexities of the virus so that we can better understand why it is so very important to stay safe and wear the mask. Please take the time to review this site and share with your teachers and students. Common Sense Media rates this site for ages 13+.

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



NCDPI Technology Support Center

NCDPI's Technology Support Center continues to meet your support needs for:

- Schoolnet
- NCEES/Unified Talent
- IAM/SSO (NCEdCloud)
- Staff & Student UID (eScholar)



Support availability: Web: https://ncgov.servicenow.com/sp_dpi - 24/7

Phone: **919-716-1840**, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding state holidays)

Technical support for SIS needs is handled directly by PowerSchool support using Chat, Call, or opening a Case ticket.

Important!

In order to make ServiceNow more secure, DIT will be updating ServiceNow on Saturday, July 25. This update will include a change to the Web Portal URL. For 30 days after this update the old URL will automatically forward to the new URL. After the 25th, please be sure to update your bookmarks. We will post the new URL in a future newsletter once we have received it from DIT.

Reminder! Phone Number for NCDPI Technology Support Center has Changed to 919-716-1840

Last year, NCDPI's Technology Support Center changed its phone number to **919-716-1840**. Calls to the old number have been forwarded, but the phone company's forwarding service **will be ending soon**. To ensure we continue to meet your support needs without issue, please make sure you are calling us at our new support center number.

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

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