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New 2020-21 Discipline Data Webinar and Live Follow-up Q&A

A new 2020-21 Discipline Data Webinar will be posted on December 7 at 9:00 a.m.

On Monday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m., the new 2020-21 Discipline Data Webinar will be posted for you to view. It is just under an hour

long and will cover the following topics:

- Discipline data reporting requirements
 - Federal and state requirements

- The 16 reportable offenses and the 9 violent crimes
- Persistently Dangerous Designation
- Procedures for the accurate reporting of discipline data in PowerSchool
 - How to enter in behaviors, actions, objects, victims, transfers offered to victims of violent crimes, and how to enter in uses of seclusions and restraints in PowerSchool
- Reports that are available in PowerSchool
- Pre-EOY data checks performed at the state level
- Final Verification of Discipline Data
- New guidance on the expungement of student records

A live Follow-up Q&A Session will be held on December 10 at 1:00 p.m.

The link to register for the Live Q&A follow-up session on December 10 at 1:00 p.m. will be sent with the link for the 2020-21 Discipline Data webinar. The Presenters will be:

- Joe Maimone – Director of the Center of Safer Schools
- Mike Anderson – Center for Safer Schools
- Amy Powell Moman – Enterprise Data and Reporting

In addition, a link to a Google Form for submitting any questions you may have prior to the live Q&A session will be provided.

We look forward to talking with you soon!

GPA and Grade Scale Automation Q & A Webinars - Dec. 7

On Monday, December 7, we will be holding two Q&A webinars for the GPA and Grade Scale Automation. Details regarding these changes can be found in the 2021-2022 GPA and Grade Scale Automation [memo](#). During this Q&A we will be reviewing the changes for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year within PowerSchool as well as providing an opportunity for LEAs and charter schools to ask any questions or concerns regarding any of these changes.



- LEA's Q&A Webinar – December 7 from 1:00-1:45 - [Webex Link for LEA's](#)
- Charter School's Q&A Webinar – December 7 from 2:30-3:15 [Webex Link for Charter School's](#)

If you have any questions or concerns prior to this meeting please email brandon.young@dpi.nc.gov.



Reminder: PowerSchool 19.11.2.4 Upgrade

NCDPI's statewide PowerSchool upgrade to version 19.11.2.4 is planned for the December 18-21 maintenance weekend. The upgrade will include two new enhancements, as well as resolve several issues users may currently be experiencing. Beta testing for this release is in progress. Details of what this upgrade entails will be available soon in the [release notes](#) for PowerSchool SIS 19.11.1.0 through 19.11.2.4. The new enhancements include:

- PowerSchool Admin – Demographics - Using the new Default Country for Student Demographics setting, you can choose a specific country and display only the states for that country.
- PowerSchool Admin – PowerTeacher Pro Settings -- Districts now have the option to hide the PTG links in the PowerSchool SIS Teacher portal. This setting can be found under the Start Page > District Setup > PowerTeacher Pro Settings > Default Gradebook Type page.

PowerSchool will be taken offline Friday, December 18 at 5 p.m. and will resume operations no later than Monday, December 21 at 6 a.m. More information pertaining to this upgrade will be provided as we move closer to the implementation date.

Reminder: NC Contact Page

The Home Base Team would like to remind PSUs that the NC Contacts screen in PowerSchool will be retired in favor of the new Core Contacts screen.

On January 29, 2021, the NC Contacts page will be disabled, and the data will no longer be visible to PSUs. All NCDPI integrations (see below) that rely upon the NC Contacts page will instead rely on core Contacts. **Please also be reminded that third-party integrations installed by PSUs should be reviewed to ensure they are not pulling data from the NC Contacts page any longer — for example, many SchoolMessenger customers are currently pulling data from this custom page.** PSUs will need to reach out to their vendors to initiate any changes to their data integration configurations.



The following NCDPI Integrations are affected by this change:

ECATS

***TIMS**

**There is an update to the TIMS extract using the core contacts. Further information and documentation will be provided early next week to explain how PSUs will set up the extract via Data Export Manager to pull the necessary transportation data.*

In the 2019-2020 school year, a PowerSchool upgrade deployed the **new Core Contacts** page into NC PowerSchool instances and migrated data from core Demographics (mother and father) into the new Contacts page. Data from the custom NC Contacts page was not automatically migrated into the new Core Contacts page and must be moved manually. Information on Core Contacts was provided during the September 2019 Home Base Meet-Ups, and many PSUs have finished manually moving data from NC Contacts to the new Core Contacts page.

Navigation Paths

NC Student Contact Screen

Start Page > Student Selection > **NC Information:** NC Student Contacts

New Core Contact Screen

Start Page > Student Selection > **Information:** Contacts

For PSUs who have not completed data migration from NC Contacts to Core Contacts, the resources below from PowerSchool Support may assist in this process. A PowerSchool Community account is required to access the linked resources.

- Getting started with Contacts Guide: (Includes Importing/Exporting and field mapping information) <https://help.powerschool.com/t5/PowerSchool-SIS-Administrator/Getting-Started-with-Student-Contacts/ta-p/79724>

PSUs requiring additional assistance with this data migration process should log a ticket with PowerSchool Support by calling the NC-specific support number **1-855-339-4790** or by visiting <https://help.powerschool.com>.



Reminder: PowerSchool IPT Certification in February 2021

The Home Base Team will be offering a virtual IPT certification training from **February 1-5, 2021**. This training will span five full days. Participants will have 90 days to take and pass the certification test after training. Each PSU is allowed a certain

number of technical contacts based on their ADM. If you are unsure of your current technical contacts, please contact PowerSchool Support at 1-855-339-4790.

NCDPI has created an [IPT FAQ](#) document to help answer questions you may have. Please review this document for frequently asked questions about the training and certification.

Those who can attend the DPI offered IPT Training include:

- Anyone replacing a previous technical contact from their allotted number.
- A local charter school employee who is not employed by a data management company.

Those who cannot attend this training are:

- Charter school data management company employees
- PSUs wanting additional technical contacts above their desired allocation
- Anyone who has attended training previously and failed the certification test.

Note: Anyone who is not eligible for this training will need to arrange training and/or certification directly through the vendor, PowerSchool, and cover the cost incurred. To do so, please reach out to the PowerSchool training team, training@powerschool.com.

Those who are eligible for this training session, please fill out the [registration form](#).



Reporting Reminder: Annual Military Student Identifier Collection

The military student identifier is a required annual collection of data on military-connected students. The data collection should be updated by providing a form (paper or electronic) to the parent once at the beginning of each school year. LEAs are required to enter and update the data from these forms into PowerSchool. NC DPI recommends completing these updates by **December 15, 2020**. A [QRD](#) is available for PowerSchool functionality on the military student identifier. An updated [sample form](#) is also available.

When reviewing this information please keep the following in mind.

IMPORTANT: The field options **must** be in place as described even if the form has been edited for local use. There must be room for six relationships included on the local form. The form must also describe these specific values:

- **Relationship:** Mother, Father, Stepfather, Stepmother, Guardian, Sibling, Other
- **Branches:** Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy
- **Status Options:** Active Duty, Activated Guard/Reserve, National Guard, Reserves, Retired Military, Disabled Veteran, Veteran, Federal Civil Service, Deceased, Deceased – KIA, Foreign Military
- **Pay Grade (Optional):** Enlisted (“E 1” through “E 9” separately), Warrant Officer (“W 1” through “W 5” separately), Officer (“O 1” through “O 10” separately). E 1, E 2, E 3, E 4, E 5, E 6, E 7, E 8, E 9, W 1, W 2, W 3, W 4, W 5, O 1, O 2, O 3, O 4, O 5, O 6, O 7, O 8, O 9, and O 10 are the required value list names. Previously, some systems interpreted this too literally, so we’re providing the value list. Any dashes should be removed and replaced with the space.
- **Military Installation (Optional):** The facility where the service member fulfills their duty role in the military. [text field in PS] (e.g., Fort Bragg, NG Raleigh Armory, Knightdale Reserve Center etc.)
- **Unit or Squadron (NOT REQUIRED):** This field will be repurposed as a “Note” labelled text field in a future version of PowerSchool and will still be optional.

Reminder: The 2020-2021 NC Purple Star Award Application Process is Now Open!

Applications for the 2020-2021 NC Purple Star Award are now being accepted through February 1, 2021. The Purple Star designation is awarded to schools that demonstrate military-friendly practices and a commitment to military students and families. For more information, visit the site at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/student-support/nc-supports-military-children/purple-star-award>. To apply, click on the link below:

- [Purple Star Award Application](#)





Home Base Webinars

2020-2021 School Year



Pre-Recorded State Reporting Webinars

<https://youtu.be/wyH4sSdmn6g>

- [Principal Monthly Report \(PMR\)](#)
- [Grade Race Sex \(GRS\)](#)
- [Retention Promotion \(RP\)](#)
- [School Activity Report \(SAR\)](#)
- [PowerTeacher Attendance Tips for 2020-20201 and Beyond](#)
- [PowerSchool AIG Functionality Video Reference Guide](#)



Schoolnet NCFE Updates

Many PSUs are beginning to schedule the NCFE assessments in Schoolnet. We're excited to offer these options in Schoolnet this year. A few updates since the initial release: the magnifier accommodation is being enabled on all NCFEs, and a rubric has been added to allow teachers to score one open response item on the English III NCFE (this is the only open response across all NCFEs).

As always, please let us know how we can support your PSU as you consider these new options.

Schoolnet December Webinars

We hope to see you for the December Schoolnet webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 8. This month, we'll cover Advanced Assessment Creation. The webinar is offered at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. and will award 0.1 CEUs.

Visit the [Webinars page on the Schoolnet Google Site](#) to register.

Upcoming Canvas Professional Learning Courses:

The Home Base Team is excited to announce a change in our upcoming webinar formats. As of November 2, a new monthly self-paced training course will be available for Canvas. This course will be designed to be completed in one hour and will be linked to NCEES for automatic CEU award upon completion of the course. This course will take the place of our currently offered monthly webinars to provide a more flexible and accessible format for all. If you registered for a November or December webinar, you should have received an email when the first monthly course was made available on November 2.



To register for our Canvas webinars, please visit: bit.ly/nccanvaswebinars.



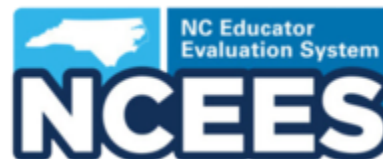
New Self-Paced Course on Curating Content in #GoOpenNC

We are so excited to try something new with our monthly webinars for [#GoOpenNC](#). The webinar is now available on-demand in a [mini Canvas course](#) (you will need to login to NCEES via NCEdCloud to register).

The course is designed to be completed in one hour and NCEES will apply 0.1 CEU of Digital Learning Competency Credit to your transcript within 48 hours of completing the course. The course is available until **May 31, 2021**

NCEES Tuesday Webinars in Dec.

Click here for a full [list of NCEES webinars](#). Don't forget to check out our [NCEES YouTube Playlist!](#)



Please click on the following titles to register:

- [MOY Teachers/Support Staff](#) - Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4-5 p.m.
 - Participants will gain a better understanding of the middle of the year process for teachers/support staff.
- [Admin Reporting in NCEES](#) - Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4-5 p.m.

- Administrators learn how to create a local library of NCEES Ad-Hoc reports to support your PSU evaluation and professional development reporting needs. (This is for NCEES District Admins: It is informational for Superintendents and Principals.)



NCWiseOwl EBSCO Webinars 2020-2021

PSUs, please share this message with your teachers.

Want to love and utilize [NCWiseOwl](#) even more? Attend the upcoming webinars available from our database vendors!

Britannica School: REGISTRATION and RECORDINGS

- Britannica School for Remote Learning
- Britannica School for Parents
- Britannica Basics for Elementary Educators
- Britannica Basics for Secondary Educators
- Sharing Britannica Content on Google Platforms
- Preparing Digital Content Sets for Instruction
- Britannica Tools to Support Reluctant Readers
- Britannica School - STEAM in Focus
- Britannica School - Arts & Humanities in Focus
- Britannica Tools to Support English Language Learners

EBSCO: REGISTRATION and RECORDINGS

- EBSCO Reference Center Exploration
- EBSCO Online Classroom Tools and Integration Tips
- EBSCO Accessibility and Usability Features within EBSCO Resources
- EBSCO Working with EBSCO eBooks

Please visit the NCWiseOwl [Toolkit](#) professional learning section for detailed descriptions and registration links. www.ncwiseowl.org



Illustrative Mathematics (IM)

This Educational Resource is nestled in the DTL Remote Learning Resources page under the Educational Resources for Parents and Caretakers section. Illustrative Mathematics is a blog that provides informative and invaluable advice from various math scholars that are staff of IM and fellow teachers. IM CEO, William McCallum, has the blog “Reading Graphs is a Complex Skill”. In his blog, he focuses on the progression of learning to help students develop the sophisticated skill of reading graphs and promotes the fact that every element of a graph deserves attention.

Another blog, “Facilitating the “Choral Counting” Routine On-Line” by Janaki Nagarajan, a classroom teacher, demonstrates how “Choral Counting”, students counting out loud together and students sharing information with each other, can be accomplished with digital technology. She simply unmuted everyone’s microphone, and just as they would have done in the classroom, the students counted as she wrote each numeral via screen sharing.

[Illustrative Mathematics](#) is also one of many vast math resources for each grade level. In this section of the site there are links to different math activities:

- [Play with your Math](#) includes math problems for students to sharpen their skills.
- [Math for Love](#) is what you could describe as a shopping mall for math in itself. It has links to everything math, games, free lessons and resources.
- This section also has book suggestions – “[Which One Doesn’t Belong: Playing with Shapes](#)”, and videos to watch that will assist Parents/Caretakers in starting math conversations with their child(ren).

A recent [study](#) done by NWEA, a research-based, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions, found that students have fallen behind in math during the pandemic. Illustrative Mathematics is a tool many schools can use to assist in raising the percentile points to the average level.

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



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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 (**NEW**)

URL: https://ncgov.servicenowservices.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, phone, or by opening a case ticket.

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

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