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Opt-in to Home Base - Three Reasons Why You Should

There are three good reasons why you should opt into Home Base: teacher and administrator access to 1) Schoolnet, 2) Truenorthlogic, and 3) Canvas!

Schoolnet offers administrators and teachers the ability to create formal and informal assessments. Assessments are tracked through reports and dashboards within the tool for analyzing student data in the classroom and across districts. Additional features include Text to Speech, Multiple Standards Alignment and Gap Match Technology-enhanced items.

Truenorthlogic gives teachers and principals a platform to house the tracking of certifications, evaluations, course catalogues, course enrollment, coaching and mentoring, and improvement plans for professional development (PD) all in one centralized location. Two of the more popular functions used in the system are PD Diagnostic and PD Learning Management. PD Diagnostic assesses teachers' strengths and weaknesses. PD Learning Management manages PD course rosters and registration, and connects the information back to the teacher's profile and evaluation.

Canvas, a 21st Century Learning Management System (LMS), provides reliable, customizable and user-friendly functionality. What sets canvas apart from other LMSs? A dashboard page that quickly summarizes assignments and announcements, a calendar that integrates well with Google Calendar, iCal and other popular calendar tools, support for media content, and power of the cloud. All of this plus mobile access is a convenience and time saver to teachers.

Opting into Home Base is a breeze, but only district finance officers and charter school principals may submit requests through the [online opt-in tool](#) for their district/school. For complete details about the Home Base opt-in process, visit the Home Base website's [Opt-in to Home Base](#) page.

Home Base Maintenance Weekend

Home Base maintenance weekend is set to begin today, May 18 at 5 p.m. PowerSchool and Schoolnet are both scheduled for maintenance.

PowerSchool maintenance will entail a major upgrade to PowerSchool 11.0.5. This upgrade is inclusive of many PowerTeacher Pro enhancements such as preferred class name, standards and full student schedule report options, import scores and much, much more. Release notes are located on the [NC SIS website's Release Highlights](#) page. Please review these documents for complete details of upgrade enhancements.

Schoolnet will undergo a routine maintenance. As we move forward, Pearson, in coordination with the Home Base maintenance periods, will utilize this time frame to perform monthly server patch installments for the Schoolnet product.

Home Base will be taken offline on today at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, May 21 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the applications are up and available for use. If there is a delay in bringing up the systems, users will be notified. To stay abreast of upcoming maintenance periods, visit our [Home Base Maintenance Schedule](#).





Student UID System Upgrade

The Student UID system will be upgraded to Version 10.4 during the Home Base maintenance weekend, starting Friday evening at 5 p.m. Changes to the application due to this upgrade should not affect user experience as most are optimizations to backend processes.

EOY Reminders

Update Your EOY Contact Information by Friday, May 25

EOY processing will begin June 29, 2018. All LEA and charter school SIS coordinators should review and update their EOY contact information by **Friday, May 25**. As mentioned in a previous communication, amendments to the EOY Contacts page in PowerSchool have been made to further improve the collection of this information. The following fields and the associated text will either be added/removed or enhanced.



1. Removing: Who is running?
2. Adding: Calendar widget for date selection
3. Enhancement: Requiring special format for Phone Number field.
4. Enhancement: Enabling the acceptance of an apostrophe in the page which, in the past, prevented the page from loading.

The [EOY Contacts Page QRD](#) has been updated to include these and other important updates for logging in. Please reference this document as you update your EOY contacts.

Begin Validating Your Data

Schools may begin performing their school enrollment (Start > System Reports > System > School Enrollment Audit) and section enrollment (Start > Reports > Run Reports > Section Enrollment Audit) for accuracy. Links to section and school enrollment documentation on PowerSource are below. If you are unable to access PowerSource, please click on the pdf documents.

Section Enrollment Audit (PowerSource)

<https://support.powerschool.com/article/77440>

[How to Validate Section Enrollments with the Section Enrollment Audit Report.pdf](#)

School Enrollment Audit (PowerSource)

<https://support.powerschool.com/article/59086>

[How to Validate School Enrollments with the School Enrollment Audit Report.pdf](#)

Please begin reviewing the EOY quick reference documents available on the NC SIS website's [EOY page](#). Visit this page frequently for updates.



New and Updated Documents

[2018-19 Course Code Master List - 05/14/2018](#)

ECATS - PowerSchool Q & A Webinar

PowerSchool coordinators are invited to attend a high-level demonstration of the ECATS system. This webinar will clarify the process of getting data into the system as well as any expectations for PowerSchool coordinators. The session will be recorded and posted for later review. Please use this [google form](#) to submit questions prior to the webinar.



Date: May 21, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2867769707935905027>



End of Year Webinars

In preparation for EOY, NCDPI will host two webinars: End of Year Webinar and End of Year Q & A Webinar. Descriptions, dates and times for each webinar are listed below. Please use the registration links provided to register.

End of Year (EOY) Q & A Webinar

Description: The End of Year (EOY) Q & A webinar will address outstanding questions pertaining to EOY.

Dates: Monday, June 4, 2018 and Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Registration Link for June 4:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3121764590110387202>

Registration Link for June 13:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4088336465995311362>

Upcoming Summer PowerSchool Workshop Opportunities

The NCDPI Home Base Training staff has prepared three summer workshop opportunities for our PowerSchool customers. These sessions will be held onsite, so please hurry and register early.

PowerScheduler Help Sessions

These hands-on help sessions are designed to assist with questions and/or issues regarding your schedule for the upcoming school year. This help session is not intended to be a training session. Ideally, your build and/or load processes should be completed or near completion. Up to 3 people per school may attend.



Only the LEA/Charter SIS Coordinator or designee may register their schools for sessions. It is only necessary to create one registration for each school - not one for each person that may attend. Each registration allows 3 people from that school to attend.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

**Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: May 21, 22

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSSchedulerHelp2018>

PowerSchool New User Training

This three day workshop is suited for new PowerSchool users (new to PowerSchool) working with day-to-day school business at the data manager/school administrator level. This workshop is available to new elementary, middle, and high school users. This is NOT a teacher training. Participants are expected to attend all three days.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

**Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: July 10 - 12, 2018 and August 7 - 9, 2018

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSNewUserRegister2018>

PowerSchool New Coordinator Training

This two day workshop is for new PowerSchool coordinators. It is designed to give new coordinators training on the day-to-day operations of a coordinator. Examples include what coordinators are expected to do, what to expect from their data managers, and a walk-through of a year in PowerSchool.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

**Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: August 13 - 14, 2018

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSNewCoordRegister2018>

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

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