NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

The NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users during the previous week. It also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC SIS and the PowerSchool project.

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1. 2015 – 16 Course Codes

The course codes for 2015-16 are ready in PowerSchool and the master list of course codes for 2015-16 is now posted on the NC SIS website (http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html).

With the new 2015-16 course codes comes new functionality in PowerSchool. You will no longer need an active list and a 'do not use' list. There is one list and only active codes will be available for selection.

There have been questions regarding the new course weighting (quality points) for students entering 9th grade in 2015-16 and whether new codes must be created to identify the students by their high school entry year. Please note that there is no need for new codes to address this policy change. PowerSchool will take care of the student's grade/class status based on other data.

We will be sending you additional information in the next two weeks about the 2015-16 codes. For questions, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

2. Common Follow Up Report

Please discontinue the use of the current PowerSchool Common Follow Up (CFU) report. There is no further action needed from the LEAs.
The Common Follow Up Report is based on last year’s information, and processes for the next year collection of CFU data will be provided once the report has been updated, thoroughly tested and documented.

Thanks to you and your staff for running the PowerSchool CFU reports to allow the NCDPI access to the data. If your LEA was not able to run the CFU as requested, action was taken by the NCDPI to generate the report.

3. Next Maintenance Weekend

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, December 12 through Monday, December 15. The system will shut down Friday at 5 p.m. Once maintenance is completed a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use.

Home Base will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m., Monday morning. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.

You may view the complete list of maintenance weekends at http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/maintenance/Home_Base_Maintenance_Sched.pdf.

4. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to Helena Coston, helena.coston@dpi.nc.gov, by Friday, December 12. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. We will inform you if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

If you have not registered to attend the UAB and/or CCB meetings since June, please click on the links below to do so. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

UAB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/225223729
CCB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/371722000

5. New and Updated Information on the Web

a) 2015 – 16 Course Codes – 12/5/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html

b) Office of Civil Rights Status Webinar – 12/2/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html

c) Office of Civil Rights Presentation – 12/2/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/presentations.html
6. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) Mid-year Graduates in PowerSchool Webinar
This webinar will discuss the process for handling records of students graduating mid-year.

Dates, Times and Registration Links

- Tue, December 16, 2014 @ 9 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/366059760
- Tue, January 13, 2015 @ 9 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

b) Office of Civil Rights Data Collection (OCR/CRDC)
This hour and half webinar is intended for OCR Coordinators, NC SIS Coordinators and any staff who are involved in the Office of Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC).

Dates and Times

- December 16, 2014 @ 1 p.m.
- January 6, 2015 @ 1 p.m.
- January 20, 2015 @ 1 p.m.

Registration link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/719879681

c) PowerSchool New Coordinator Training Workshop
This workshop is geared to new PowerSchool coordinators who have not attended the 5 day IPT certification training or the 8 day District certification training.

Dates and Times

- December 11 – 12, 2014
- January 12 – 13, 2015

Registration link: http://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/folder/2160/

d) PowerSchool New User Workshop (School Level Staff)
This is a 4 day workshop to train new users on the day-to-day processes of using PowerSchool.

Date, Time and Registration Link

- January 6 – 9, 2015 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
  - https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/5504

e) PowerSchool – School Counselors – Train the Trainer Workshop
This workshop will be a hands-on training covering the basic functionality of PowerSchool pertinent to school counselors.
Dates and Times

- December 8, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- December 10, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Registration link - http://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/folder/1907/

For more information about NC SIS training and documentation, please visit our website at http://www.nc-sis.org.

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