



## NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

This NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users this week. It also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC SIS (PowerSchool).

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### 1. **PowerSchool Weekend Updates and Fixes**

The following items will be promoted into PowerSchool this weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Home Base Support Center at [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov).

- A. Deploying State Compliance Release 15.11.2
  - 1) See December 3 [North Carolina Reporting Release Notes](#) for updates taking place during this maintenance weekend.
- B. Implementing Migrant Phase 2 – Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX)
  - 1) MSIX technology enables states to share educational and health information on migrant children who travel from state to state, and who have records in multiple state information systems. It works in concert with existing state migrant student information systems that is used to manage migrant data, ensuring proper enrollment, placement, and accrual of credits for migrant children nationwide.
  - 2) Access is limited to certain NCDPI personnel.
- C. NC LEP Administration – Roster
  - 1) Updating display of Roster to include current/active Immigrant students and no filtered results.

**2. Home Base Maintenance Weekend for December 2015**

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, December 11 through Monday, December 14. Maintenance will only be performed on the PowerSchool application. All other Home Base applications will be accessible through the IAM Service.

PowerSchool will shut down Friday at approximately 5 p.m. Once maintenance is completed a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use. PowerSchool 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.

This maintenance weekend will include a North Carolina State Compliance Reporting release. Updates will be made to the SAR Data Collection, Extended Schema Definitions, PMR Data Collection, Approval Process for Collections, and Discipline Collection. For more details concerning these revisions, please review the December 3 updates in the [North Carolina Reporting Release Notes](#) posted to the NC SIS website.

For a complete schedule of Home Base maintenance periods, please click on the following link: [http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/maintenance/Home\\_Base\\_Maintenance\\_Sched.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/maintenance/Home_Base_Maintenance_Sched.pdf).

**3. Reminder: W2T Coding**

In September, the State Board of Education amended policy GCS-Q-000 to include a provision for students who complete a Community College Adult High School (CCAHS) program. While considered verified dropouts, documentation of enrollment in an approved CCAHS may allow a district to delay W2 coding or transition to W6 if the student completes the program by June 30 of the 5-year cohort graduation date. Students who complete the CCAHS will be considered graduates with the same reporting as students who complete high school in the traditional setting. These students will need to be coded correctly in PowerSchool to ensure correct dropout and graduation reporting.

A quick reference document (QRD), [Community College Adult High School Program](#), detailing the steps in PowerSchool for correctly coding these students is located on the NC SIS website. A functionality webinar, [W2T CCAHSP](#), is also posted to the website.

Questions about GCS-Q-000 and the application of W2T can be directed to Debora Williams ([debora.williams@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:debora.williams@dpi.nc.gov)). Questions about the coding of students and PowerSchool functionality can be directed to the Home Base Support Center ([homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov)).

**4. ASW Course Codes for 2016 – 2017**

The 2016-2017 ASW Course Code list is finalized and available on the Teacher Resources page of the ASW Wikispace (<http://ncasw.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/Teacher+Resources>). When scheduling for the 2016-2017 school year, please be sure to use the appropriate ASW-valid course codes for your teachers participating in the ASW Process.

**5. Reminder: Course Codes for School Year 2016 -2017**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) has recently completed the process of updating and revising available course codes for the 2016-17 school year (SY). This process involved

multiple areas across the agency and included various external stakeholders. The 2016 – 17 Master Course Code List has been posted to the [NC SIS website](#). Scheduling for the 2016 – 17 school year may begin now. The following outlines the course code changes to expect in the next school year:

- State subject code 2500, Calculus Honors, will no longer be available as of the 2016-17 SY. NCDPI Mathematics maintains course codes for courses that have standards that are available under the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS), The College Board for Advanced Placement (AP), and the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB). Since there are no standards maintained for Calculus (subject code 2500), this course will no longer be available. However, LEAs and Charters may continue their practice of offering this course through the use of the locally developed math elective (both academic and honors levels) subject code 2800.
- Unique course codes for American Sign Language Heritage courses will now be offered within World Languages. The subject codes for these courses are 1289 and 1290.
- A new AP Computer Science Principles course will be offered in SY 16-17 with the course code 0A027X0. Licensure requirements for this course that determine highly qualified status will mirror the current AP Computer Science course (2A027X0) which permits both mathematics and Career and Technical Education (CTE) credentials.
- The following course codes have been generated to be used only when multiple grade levels (K,1,2), (3,4,5), or (6,7,8) reside within a single class:
  - 60312Z0 PE Multi Grade K-2
  - 60322Z0 PE Multi Grade 3-5
  - 60502Y0 Health and PE Multi Grade 6-8
- CTE courses no longer available have been removed, including the previous versions of Automotive Technology and non-honors versions of PLTW courses. Additionally, new courses in Collision Repair will be available beginning in SY 2016-17.
- Unique community college codes needed for CCP courses offered beginning in the 2016-17 school year have been added if they were requested in the Remedy system prior to October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please continue to make requests for unique community college codes needed for CCP by submitting a Remedy system help desk ticket through email at [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov).
- Based on input from districts and various stakeholders around the State, NCDPI has established the following procedure for scheduling Credit Recovery (beginning in December 2015):
  - Credit Recovery courses that have an available State course code must be scheduled with that code and the local extension “XR.” For example, use 21032X0XR for Math I.
  - Credit Recovery courses that do not have an available State course code should use the following course code only for the current semester in which the course is scheduled:
    - 96162X0(XR) “Credit Recovery Prev. Grad. Req. Course”
    - The local extension “XR” must still be used with this course code
    - The Section Credit Recovery attribute must be indicated by selecting “Yes”

- The name of the original course should be used in the local title field
  - The grade of pass (P) or fail (F) must be manually entered into the student's historical grades using the *original* course code with the extension "XR" (this will allow the use of course codes that are now closed by the State (e.g., U.S. History, Algebra I, etc.))
  - The generic Credit Recovery scheduling course code (96162X0) will not appear on the student's transcript (it is excluded from storing final grades). This information must be manually entered into the student's historical grades using the correct/original course code after the P/F is determined.
- The following technical corrections will be made:
  - Based on input from external stakeholders, the "5" currently in the fifth digit for generic community college courses will be replaced with a "2."
  - The "Soc. Stud. Middle Grades Local Elective" course code 48032Y0 will be removed due to a duplication of codes. Please use current course code 48022Y0 for "Soc Studies Middle Grades Local Elective."
  - The current course code for "EGR210 Intro to Elect/Com Eng Lab" currently has an alpha in the seventh digit (TW525XQ). This code will be replaced with a zero in the seventh digit (TW525X0).
  - The following courses will have zero GPA added value for all future students beginning in SY 16-17 who enroll in the course based on the most recent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and North Carolina SBE policy (GCS-L-004) and will have a "2" replace the "5" in the fifth digit:
    - FW205X0 "EDU144 Child Development I"
    - FW215X0 "EDU 145 Child Development II"
    - FW225X0 "EDU146 Child Guidance"
    - FW315X0 "EDU216 Foundations of Education"
    - FW325X0 "EDU221 Children with Exceptionalities"
    - 0C005X0 "Comm College Course Other Content"

If you have any questions or concerns regarding course codes, please submit a Help Desk ticket by emailing [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov).

#### 6. **Reminder: Call for UAB Agenda Items and Cancellation of CCB Meeting**

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held **Thursday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Due to the cancellation of last month's UAB meeting, agenda items that were previously sent will be addressed in this month's meeting. Additional agenda items may be sent to Christine Stewart, [christine.stewart@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:christine.stewart@dpi.nc.gov), by noon Monday, December 14.

We will attempt to limit the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. You will be informed if we are unable to cover your item(s) during the meeting.

If you have not attended a UAB meeting since August 2015, please use this link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/498258355442804993>.

The Configuration Control Board (CCB) meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 17 has been canceled. A schedule of next year's UAB and CCB meetings will be provided soon. Remember to check the NC SIS website's CCB and UAB Meetings page (<http://www.nc-sis.org/meetings.html>) for updates.

## 7. New and Updated Information on the Website

- a) 2015 North Carolina Release Notes – 12/03/2015  
[http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/requirements/2015\\_North\\_Carolina\\_Release\\_Notes.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/requirements/2015_North_Carolina_Release_Notes.pdf)
- b) 2016 - 17 Course Code Master List – 12/07/2015  
<http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html>
- c) CCAHS QRD – 12/09/2015  
[http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student\\_info/PS\\_QRD\\_CC\\_Adult\\_HS\\_Program.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/PS_QRD_CC_Adult_HS_Program.pdf)
- d) State Board of Education Policy Revision – GCS-Q-000 Presentation  
[http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/presentations/PS\\_PPT\\_GCSQ000Webinar12.8.2015-1.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/presentations/PS_PPT_GCSQ000Webinar12.8.2015-1.pdf)
- e) W2T Webinar (CAHSP) – 12/09/2015  
<http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>
- f) W2T Webinar (AHSP) – 12/08/2015  
<http://www.ncsis.org/recordings.html>

## 8. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

### a) Athletic Eligibility in PowerSchool

This webinar will demonstrate the new Athletic Eligibility functionality in PowerSchool. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the [www.nc-sis.org](http://www.nc-sis.org) website.

#### **Dates, Times and Registration Links**

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5596764144575527937>

Thursday, May 26, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2653270361947006210>

### b) Coordinators Object Reports Groups 1 and 2 Workshop Sessions

This face-to-face workshop will be delivered in two parts. When registering, you are registering for the set of dates together. All attendees must be employees of a North Carolina public school. Management companies are not permitted to attend.

Part 1 topics are inclusive of the following: Basics, Grid, Form Letters (starting with Absence Letters), Student Lists, Mailing Labels and Certificates

Part 2 topics are inclusive of the following: More advanced/in-depth look at Transcript, Data Tags, School Based Report Cards, Schedule Listings and Object Reports from Templates (Importing/Exporting)

Audience: PowerSchool Coordinators Only

Attendees will be using their own LEA/school instance and will need appropriate access and login information in order to complete this workshop. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily at the NCDPI Bldg., 301 N. Wilmington Street, Room 564, Raleigh, NC 27601.

**Group 1**

Part 1 – December 1 – 2, 2015

Part 2 – April 4 – 5, 2016

<https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/7222>

**Group 2**

Part 1 – December 3 – 4, 2015

Part 2 – April 6 – 7, 2016

<https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/7223>

**c) PowerSchool Q & A**

This webinar will not contain any presentation. It will be an open forum for attendees to ask their scheduling questions to a panel of DPI staff members.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links**

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5771468845293949953>

Thursday, January 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5357317999483246594>

Thursday, February 18, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8322180790944779522>

Thursday, March 10, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1805276417069994754>

Monday, March 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2758246234607665410>

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3271220086011695874>

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7882350851067114498>

Friday, June 10, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3370667614209404161>

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6209691299522393089>

Thursday, June 16, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8912773566200419841>

Monday, June 20, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3112422019658833921>

Thursday, June 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8078778603369568001>

Thursday, June 23, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4978574726971441921>

**\*\*Please note, all registration information is subject to NC Public Records Law.**

Please visit the NC SIS website ([www.nc-sis.org](http://www.nc-sis.org)) for additional information including webinars and training documentation.

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