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. 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.

a) NC Graduation Plans – Phase II

Phase II of the North Carolina Graduation Plans will be deployed into PowerSchool this weekend. This phase will include Occupational Course of Study (OCS); a fix for each Endorsement GPA by using the GPA from Class Rank rather than current plus credits; and the new grad plan – Extended Content Standards (ECS). Please understand DPI will be making adjustments to the different pathways within the graduation plans.

Instructions on how to use the NC Graduation Requirements custom screen have been made available on the NC SIS site at http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/Graduation_Plans_2.pdf. If you have any questions or need assistance with the NC Graduation Plans, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

b) Athletic Eligibility
Athletic Eligibility, minus the Scholar Athletic and Scholar Team reports, will be released into PowerSchool this weekend. Instructions on how to use Athletic Eligibility are posted to the NC SIS site at [http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/NC_Customizations_Athletic_Eligibility.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/NC_Customizations_Athletic_Eligibility.pdf). A webinar demonstrating the new Athletic Eligibility functionality in PowerSchool is also scheduled for January 14, 2015 at 1 p.m. Please visit the NC SIS Calendar at [http://www.nc-sis.org/calendar_January.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/calendar_January.html) or the Course List page at [http://www.nc-sis.org/course_list.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/course_list.html) for more details and registration. You may also link directly to the registration by clicking on the following link: [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/90](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/90).

c) NC Custom Reports for Planned Accommodations

NC Custom Reports for Planned Accommodations will be released into PowerSchool this weekend. This release will include IEP, LEP, 504 and Transitory planned accommodations. You may access these reports by navigating to: Start page → System Reports → NCDPI Reports Tab → Accommodations Reports, Accommodations.

d) New sqlReport4 Reports for CPR

The NCDPI has begun loading the following new sqlReport4 Reports into production:

- Create 8th Grade CPR Import
- Students Missing CPR Test information
- Students with Completed CPR Test

The projected timeframe for completing the load of these reports into all instances is Monday, January 5, 2015.

e) CRDC Grade Level Synchronization

Grade levels and district numbers imported into CRDC from EDDIE with District Numbers that began with leading zeros or that are alphanumeric (Charter Schools) were not synching and, thus, missing. Pearson will provide a fix over the weekend to correct this issue.

2. 2015 Home Base Symposium Registration

Please don’t forget to register for the 2015 Home Base Symposium scheduled for February 23 – 25, 2015 at the Sheraton/Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. Online registration is available at [http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium15.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium15.html). Please make every effort to register online and print your registration form from the site. If you experience any problems while registering, please contact Yolanda Wilson at yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov.

3. Assigning Collections to Schools

The ‘Exclude from State Reporting’ flag is no longer used to determine if a school runs or sees a collection. A change was needed to satisfy both State and Federal reports as well as open and closed reports. During this past maintenance weekend, a change was made to the State Reporting Dashboard to satisfy all conditions needed to determine which collections to display and which collections to hide
for a school. This change will require LEAs and/or schools to visit the dashboard and update their school setup prior to running the State Compliance Reports. Please read the attachment that gives instructions on how to meet all conditions at the LEA and school levels.

Questions may be addressed to the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

4. **Duplicate Test Results**

Due to issues with the bulk test uploader (BTU), test results were imported into PowerSchool multiple times causing them to appear multiple times on the student transcript. Pearson is aware of the problem and plans to clean up the duplicates once the BTU issue is resolved.

Please note that this issue does not involve missing data, only duplications of data. At this time we do not have an estimated time of resolution; however, we will provide more information as it is received via NC SIS email.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to resolve the issue.

5. **Security Group 1**

Security group 1 (unassigned) is used as a default placeholder group for new PowerSchool admin users and teachers. Those users who access the admin portal and remain in security group 1 have the ability to update all other defined groups. This poses a serious security concern.

Please navigate to System->Security->Groups, click on the Unassigned group (1) and set the access level to "No Access". This will assure that those users who are inadvertently left in the unassigned group will not have access to modify other security groups.

If you have questions concerning this request, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

6. **Course Code Update**

The current 2014-15 course codes have been updated with recent CTE requests from the field. Please see the updated list posted to the NC SIS website at [http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html).

7. **New and Updated Information on the Web**

      [http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html)

   b) Athletic Eligibility – NC Customization – 12/19/2014
      [http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/NC_Customizations_Athletic_Eligibility.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/NC_Customizations_Athletic_Eligibility.pdf)
8. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) Athletic Eligibility Training Webinar
This webinar will demonstrate the new Athletic Eligibility functionality in PowerSchool. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date and Time
- Wednesday, January 14, 2015 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)
  Registration Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/901401712

b) Grad Plans – Phase II
This webinar will review the new functionality of the second phase of the graduation planner module for NC. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date and Time
- Thursday, January 15, 2015 (1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
  Registration Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/359753121

c) 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, January 13, 2015 @ 9 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

d) 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 in the Office of Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC).

Dates and Times
- January 6, 2015 @ 1 p.m.
- January 20, 2015 @ 1 p.m.
  Registration link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/719879681

e) 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**

- January 12 – 13, 2015
- January 15 – 16, 2015


f) **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](https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/5504)

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

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