



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. 2016 Home Base Symposium Reminder

The Home Base Symposium is quickly approaching, and the deadline for Early Registration is January 22, 2016. We are expanding the focus to include course offerings across the Home Base Suite. This year's Symposium will be packed with new content, the latest and upcoming updates, presenters from the Home Base applications as well as across the field, and so much more. All-day strands for PowerSchool, Schoolnet, Truenorthlogic and Canvas will be offered from field experts. The latest updates and sneak-peaks will be showcased throughout the sessions. To name just a few, other sessions will include Google Apps for Education integration, a BloomBoard & OCT overview, and what is to come with NCEdCloud and IAM.

You don't want to miss this opportunity. Plan on attending and bring a well-rounded team to cull the information offered and return to your district bursting with fresh, new ways to utilize Home Base!

Online registration is available on the NC SIS website (<http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium16.html>).

2. Transportation Information Management System Presentation and Webinar

NCDPI's Transportation Division recently conducted a webinar on importing TIMS data into PowerSchool. Materials from this presentation can be retrieved at the following links:

TIMS to PowerSchool – Transportation Data Import PowerPoint - 01/2016 -
<http://www.ncbussafety.org/TIMS/Documentation.html>

Quick Reference Guides: <http://www.ncbussafety.org/TIMS/QRG.html>

QRG #25 - a short checklist for Extracting and Formatting TIMS Data
QRG #25a - the detailed steps for Extracting and Formatting TIMS Data
QRG #25b - a short checklist for Purging Data from and Importing TIMS Data to PowerSchool
QRG #25c - the detailed steps for Purging from and Importing TIMS Data to PowerSchool

The recorded webinar will be made available soon.

3. Grade Suppression

In August, the State Board of Education amended Policy GCS-M-001 (7) – Course for Credit to include a provision for students to repeat failed courses for credit and replace their failing mark with the new mark (beginning with the 15-16 school year). Previously, when students repeated a failed course, both marks were part of the student’s academic record. With the policy changes, schools must now suppress the failing mark from both the transcript and GPA of the student.

Note that this policy applies only to courses repeated for credit, not credit recovery. In order to qualify under GCS-M-001 (7), the student must repeat the entire course of study. Credit recovery will continue to be a separate, additional entry into historical grades for a student as a P or F.

The policy also states that local LEA policies can be adopted to govern the replacement of repeated courses where the original mark was not failing. This functionality is currently not supported within PowerSchool and is not covered in the QRD.

In PowerSchool, the functionality to accomplish grade replacement as an automated process is called Grade Suppression. A QRD demonstrating the steps necessary to establish a grade suppression policy to govern which marks should be repressed from GPA and transcript should the course be repeated later for credit is located on the NC SIS website (http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/PS_QRD_Grade_Suppression.pdf). Using this process will retain the original grade in historical marks but will prevent it from being included in the GPA or transcript of a student.

A webinar, [LEA Setup for Grade Suppression](#), also demonstrating the functionality is available on the NC SIS website’s Recordings page.

Questions about repeating course for credit policy can be directed to Sneha Shah-Coltrane (sneha.shahcoltrane@dpi.nc.gov) or Tiffany Perkins (tiffany.perkins@dpi.nc.gov). For functionality assistance, contact the HBSC (homebase.incidents@dpi.nc.gov).

4. New and Updated Information on the Website

- a) Release Notes for PowerSchool 9.0 through 9.2 – 12/22/2015
http://www.nc-sis.org/release_highlights.html
- b) Repeated Course for Credit Grade Suppression QRD – 12/15/2015
http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/student_info/PS_QRD_Grade_Suppression.pdf
- c) LEA Setup for Grade Suppression Webinar - 12/08/2015
<http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>

5. 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 website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

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

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>

d) Prep to Schedule Help Workshop

This session is for schools that need additional assistance with preparing their 2016-2017 school year scheduling process.

This 1 day class will give schools additional help on tasks to be completed prior to doing a Build or Load at your school for the 2016-2017 school year. It is designed for only those schools who need additional help. This is NOT a full prepare to schedule session.

The class session is designed for TWO people per school; the person responsible for entering scheduling data and school setup into PowerSchool and one person who can make decisions about the schedule process. Both attendees will work on one computer.

One participant per school should register to save the seat, the other may attend without registration.

Due to space constraints, please do not send more than two participants per school.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

Monday, February 15, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

<https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/7153>

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

<https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/7155>

****Attendees must be an employee of a North Carolina Public school. Management companies are not permitted to attend.**

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

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

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