NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin  
March 31, 2014  
Attachments: Default_PowerSchool_IDs, ps_7_10x_system_requirements

The NC SIS Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users during the previous week, and 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 were promoted into PowerSchool over the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns about these items, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

I. Updated the historical grade for P to be excluded from GPA calculations

II. FTE Script updated – allows entry of FTE for transferred students

Please Note: It was mentioned that a script to run Added Values and Course Credits for Historical Grades would be run. This script did NOT run.

**ADDITIONAL SCRIPTS:**

III. Student Historical Grades:

- **LAST SCRIPT NEEDED FOR STUDENT TRANSFER PROCESS TO BE COMPLETE**
- Course number field for records converted from NC WISE PRIOR TO 2013 will reflect the old NC WISE course number
- Course number field for records entered AFTER 2013 will reflect the current PowerSchool course number

Please Note: Schools can now transfer students; however, if data has been entered manually, do NOT click the transfer button.
IV. Student Demographic Data:

- Missing Hispanic values populated for specific students as determined from the State UID system and confirmed by the users

V. Course/Section Data Updates:

Academic Level

- Script applied to clear the old conversion data no longer needed
- Script only clears if the field has only one character
- This field has been reserved for local use
- Drop-down is removed
- It is now a free form field

VI. Student Pages – AIG Program Page Updates

- Page Layout updated slightly
- Data entry options updated
- Original AIG School for student now listed
- New withdrawal fields

2. Reminder: Issue with Assigning Default PowerSchool ID When Using IE

When enrolling some students in PowerSchool, students are assigned a default PowerSchool ID instead of an eScholar student ID. These student numbers are normally less than 20,000 and are possibly duplicated in other LEAs where this same issue has occurred, i.e., two students may have the same default ID in two different LEAs.

The PowerSchool Technical team has determined that students are assigned default PowerSchool IDs when the user enrolls the student using Internet Explorer with Compatibility View enabled. Pearson does not support Compatibility View on Internet Explorer and thus, recommends the resolution given in the attachment, "Default PowerSchool IDs".

If you have questions or need further assistance with this resolution, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

3. New and Updated Documents on the Web

Importing and Exporting Student E-mail Addresses (QRD)

4. Correction to Response Regarding Students Attending School Outside Their Administrative Unit
This communication is to correct erroneous information previously provided during the User Advisory Board (UAB) meeting on March 20, 2014. The information provided in the meeting said that a student attending school outside their local school administrative unit must be coded as a visiting student (VST1). Students DO NOT have to be coded as VST1 and can be coded as MST1 if they attend school outside of the administrative unit in which they are domiciled as long as they are domiciled within the state of North Carolina. However, a student cannot be in membership status in more than one LEA at the same time.

The SASA manual states the following:

A student domiciled in one local school administrative unit may be assigned either with or without the payment of tuition to a public school in another local school administrative unit upon the terms and conditions agreed to in writing between the local boards of education involved and entered in the official records of the boards. The assignment shall be effective only for the current school year, but may be renewed annually in the discretion of the boards involved (115C-366).

We apologize for any inconvenience and confusion the erroneous information has caused. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Ozella Wiggins at either (919) 807-3757 or via email at ozella.wiggins@dpi.nc.gov.

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