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. SMP Update for CECAS**
   1. Address mapping from PowerSchool to CECAS

   **B. New Student Enrollment (Please see article #3 below for details.)**
   1. New Multiple Race Selection
   a) Adding ability to select and save multiple races during the new student enrollment process.
   b) Revised 10/14/2014 - New Student Enrollment (New multiple race selection labels updated from Race Codes to fully describe Race value).
   c) Revised 11/06/2014 - New multiple race selection now preserves student Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity selection during enrollment.

   **C. State Reporting (SRC SAR Report Due Date updated from 11/14/2014 to 11/21/2014)**

   **D. State Reporting (SRC Dropout Report Due Date updated from 11/13/2014 to 11/20/2014)**
E. NC Standards Based Report Card (Updated to show Superintendent’s name as listed in EDDIE instead of Superintendent’s name as listed in PowerSchool.)

2. SCR Extended Deadlines

Please note the new end dates for the following State Compliance Reports (SCR). These dates are being extended to better accommodate your reporting needs as Pearson works to resolve certain reporting issues. Some of the new end dates have been promoted into PowerSchool while others will be updated this weekend or at a later time (possibly November maintenance weekend).

**New SCR End Dates**
November 18, 2014 - Retention/Promotion Data Collection
November 20, 2014 - Dropout Data Collection
November 21, 2014 - School Activity Report (SAR) Data Collection
December 31, 2014 - Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Data Collection

If you have any questions pertaining to these dates, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

3. New Student Enrollment Process

This weekend, Pearson will be changing the race input field on the ‘NC Enroll New Student’ screen from a dropdown field to a check box field to allow multiple race selections during the new student enrollment process. This field which is currently labeled ‘Primary Race’ will be labeled ‘Race’ and will populate the student’s race data with any additional race values.

For those LEAs/charters who may use the eScholar system to search for student UIDs during the new enrollment process, please be aware that these additional values will **NEITHER** transfer to or become visible in the eScholar system. Hence, eScholar will not be altered by changes or additions made in PowerSchool.

This enhancement replaces the need to use a second page for entering additional race values; thus, alleviating the loss of multiple race values. An updated quick reference guide, *Enrolling New Student*, has been posted to the NC SIS website’s Admit/Withdraw page detailing all additions/changes to the new student enrollment process. Please click on the following link to view: [http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/admit_withdraw/PS_QRD_Engrolling_New_Student.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/admit_withdraw/PS_QRD_Engrolling_New_Student.pdf).

Questions or concerns pertaining to this new process may be addressed to the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

4. UAB Request for Agenda Items

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to Helena Coston, helena.coston@dpi.nc.gov, by Friday, November 14. 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. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through December 18. 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. Dropout Warning

Pearson is aware of an issue where students are displayed on the DROP-6 Exception Report in error. If students are displayed on this report and the following conditions are true, please ignore the warning. These students will not display as an exception after the November maintenance weekend.

Conditions

- The current enrollment record has the same enter and exit date; the exit code is W6; the grade level is 99; and the school is Graduated School.

- The last previous enrollment record has an exit date that is the last date of the school year plus one; the exit code is W6; and the grade level and school are for the school from which they graduated.

We apologize for any inconvenience this error has caused and appreciate your support and patience as we work to resolve it. If you have further questions pertaining to this matter, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

6. 2014-15 Course Code List - Update

An updated 2014 – 15 Course Code List has been posted to the NC SIS website and may be viewed at http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html. All changes/additions are highlighted in pink.

NCDPI has included all current requests for CTE courses as well as new generic content codes for Community College (CC) and upper University courses. NCDPI will not be adding any further non-CTE, CC or Univ. courses for the 2014-15 school year and generic codes may be used. CTE will continue to create unique codes for courses in a CCP technical pathway. For 2015-16, NCDPI will be adding all of the CAA courses into the course codes.

NCDPI’s goal is to release the new course codes for 2015-16 by the end of November.

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

7. Student’s Ninth Grade Entry Date - Update
As was previously stated in Friday's message, the NCDPI will NOT set the student’s ninth grade entry date located on the PowerSchool custom screen "Student Academics." LEAs/schools will be responsible for setting this value for all rising and new ninth graders. This can be mass updated using the Student Field Value function. In order to modify the field, enter S_NC_ACADEMIC.GRADE_9_ENTRY_DATE in the field to change box and the appropriate date in the new field value box.

Please be advised that the ninth grade entry date is required for both Athletic Eligibility and Diploma Assessment PowerSchool functionality.

Use the following steps to view a student’s ninth grade entry date in PowerSchool:
- Select a student;
- Select the Custom Screens option;
- Select the Student Academics link.

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to the student’s ninth grade entry date, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

8. New and Updated Information on the Web

   a) OCR Status Presentation (11/04/2014)
      [http://www.nc-sis.org/presentations.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/presentations.html)
   b) OCR Status Webinar (11/04/2014)
      [http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html)
   c) 2014 – 15 Course Code List – Update (11/04/2014)
      [http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html)
   d) Enrolling New Student (QRD) (Updated - 11/07/2014)
   e) Generating Student activity Report (SAR) User Guide

9. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

   a) Discipline Incidents in PowerSchool Webinar
      This webinar will demonstrate how to enter disciplinary incidents into the PowerSchool application.
      
      Date, Time and Registration Link
      
      - Monday, November 17, 2014 @ 1 p.m.
      - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457)

   b) 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
• Thu, December 4, 2014 @ 1 p.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/204543489
• Tue, December 16, 2014 @ 9 a.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/366059760
• Tue, January 13, 2015 @ 9 a.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

c) Office of Civil Rights Data Collection (OCR/CRDC)
This hour and a 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
• November 18, 2014 @ 1 p.m.
  Registration link:  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/719879681

d) 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/

e) 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.)
  o  https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/5504

f) 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
• November 14, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
• November 20, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
• December 1, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
• 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/
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