

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.

- A. Student Pages (Enrollment History/Transfer Info)
 1. Completing update to populate Archive Attendance Summary information on previous year enrollment records where data was missing or populated with [-1] values from previous updates completed prior to EOY.
- B. NC Custom Reports (System Reports)
 1. PowerTeacher Gradebook Audit – New report for listing sections that have a Grade Scale assigned other than the default (**see article #3 below for details**).
- C. Enterprise Controller Course Synchronization (**see article #2 for more details**)
 1. Updating Enterprise Controller (EC) course synchronization to disable update of Credit Hours, Credit Type and Academic Level Code (now called Local Use).
 2. Updating EC to populate the Alternate Course Code/External Course Code.
- D. Military Pages
 1. Updating fields to correct error received when first name, last name and time stamp are greater than 50 characters.
- E. LEP/WAPT
 1. NC LEP Administration
 - i. Applying script to load 2014-15 AMAO data from CFDC.
 2. NC Student Pages (WAPT)
 - i. Updating to set the LEP status to active when a new record is created.
 - ii. Updating to prevent users from creating a new record if one already exists for the current school year.

2. Change to Course Attributes/Push from Enterprise Controller

Changes are being made to the course attribute push from the Enterprise Controller within PowerSchool. **GPA Added Value, Course External Provider, Department, Credential Attainment, and Alternate/External Course code attribute updates** will be pushed from the Enterprise Controller. This means when NCDPI updates these values, the changes will be reflected automatically in each instance. Likewise, local changes to these values will be overwritten by the nightly push from the Enterprise Controller.

Changes to Credit Hours, Credit Type, and Academic Level Code (Local Use) attributes will not be pushed from the Enterprise Controller. These values will populate when an LEA pulls the course for the first time, but local edits to these fields will remain and not be overwritten as part of the nightly synch.

Below is a table summarizing the course attribute synch from the Enterprise Controller that will be in effect beginning Monday, September 28, 2015.

Attribute:	Current Enterprise Controller Functionality	New Enterprise Controller Functionality
GPA Added Value	Pushed	Pushed
Course External Provider	Pushed	Pushed
Department	Pushed	Pushed
Credential Attainment	Pushed	Pushed
Alternate Course Code/External Course Code	Not Pushed	Pushed
Credit Hours	Pushed	Not Pushed
Credit Type	Pushed	Not Pushed
Academic Level Code (Local Use)	Pushed	Not Pushed

3. Gradebook Audit Report

The 10-point Grade Scale is required for all high school courses and courses that grant high school credit. A new report to support the implementation of this scale will be implemented in this weekend's updates. The report is titled "PowerTeacher Gradebook Audit." It will identify teachers who do not currently have the 10-point Grade Scale assigned to a course.

4. SAR Update and Postponing of SAR Webinar Scheduled for Oct. 6

NCDPI will be postponing the SAR Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, October 6. To ensure schools are trained on the most up-to-date information, the webinar will be rescheduled for a date after the October maintenance weekend.

Until the new date is posted, please go to the NC SIS website to review the recording of the September 8, 2015 SAR webinar at <http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>. The PowerPoint

presentation used during the webinar dated September 10, 2015 can be found at <http://www.nc-sis.org/presentations.html>.

Please continue to run your SAR and work on needed exception updates. **Please do not approve the SAR until further notice from NCDPI.**

Reminder: SAR Update – 09/22/2015

SAR Exception 36 is currently reporting inaccurate information. This fatal exception was designed to identify discrepancies between the current lead teacher's dates and the section's term end date. Presently, this exception is inadvertently reporting on teachers who were originally lead teachers but are now replaced with a new lead teacher.

NCDPI is working with the PowerSchool staff to correct this issue. We will provide an update once a resolution is in place.

If you need clarification of SAR exceptions, please contact Sandra Johnson at sandra.johnson@dpi.nc.gov. If you need assistance with PowerSchool data issues related to the SAR, please submit a Remedy ticket to homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

5. Reminder: Course Code Requests

Dear LEA Coordinators and Charter Administrators

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is in the process of updating course codes for the 2016-17 school year. In order to ensure the current course code system is meeting the varied needs of LEAs, NCDPI will be gathering course code requests through October 2, 2015. Please complete this [form](#) to submit a course code request for the 2016-17 school year. Decisions will be made for new course codes based on the working guidelines of the Agency-Wide Course Code Committee.

NCDPI appreciates and values your input. If you have any questions concerning this request, please email Hunter Huffman at hunter.huffman@dpi.nc.gov.

6. Reminder: Cutoff Times for Updated Source Data Fields to be Included in the IAM Service the Next Day

Hello LEA Administrators and LEA Data Auditors,

NCDPI, Identity Automation and MCNC developed a PDF document showing the timings for various source data fields that are provided to the IAM service. That document is described in a new [FAQ Item](#) that's just been added to the NCEdCloud IAM Information site. Here is a copy of the FAQ item along with a link to a PDF with the details on each specific field.

What Are The Cutoff Times For Updated Source Data To Be Included In The IAM Service The Next Day?

Upstream data processes produce the user data that is typically provided to the NCEdCloud IAM service early in the morning on Monday through Saturday. If an updated data field value is entered into that field's source system prior to that source system's cutoff time, then the data is provided to the IAM service the following day. (Note that data is typically NOT provided to the IAM service on Sunday mornings). After the IAM service receives updated data very early on the following morning, it is processed by the IAM service and made available later on that same day (usually before school starts). For details on the source systems and cutoff times for various employee and student fields and SchoolNet roles please see <https://ncedcloud.mcnc.org/sites/default/files/20150918.NCEdCloud.IAM.Service.Data.Field.Sources.and.Timings.pdf>

As it is developed, the team will continue to distribute NCEdCloud IAM information through the IAM info site <https://ncedcloud.mcnc.org>, this email list and other channels.

Sincerely,

Steve Thorpe on behalf of the NCEdCloud IAM Service Team

7. New and Updated Information on the Website

- Gradebook Webinar – 09/18/2015
<http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>

8. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) Accommodations in PowerSchool

This webinar will cover policy and demonstrate Accommodations functionality in PowerSchool. It will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Thursday, October 15, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EDT

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6186434428647120897>

b) AIG Policy and Functionality Webinar

This webinar will cover the AIG policy and functionality in PowerSchool. It will be recorded and posted to the www.ncsis.org website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Monday, September 28, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EDT

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8021038848823083010>

c) ALP/ALS in PowerSchool Webinar

This webinar will discuss policy and functionality in PowerSchool as related to students in Alternative Learning Programs and/or Alternative Learning Schools. It will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Thursday, October 8, 2015

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/1950210739704648450>

d) Discipline Incidents in PowerSchool Webinar

This session is geared to those responsible for entering Incident data into the PowerSchool application. It will include a demonstration on how to enter disciplinary incidents into the PowerSchool application. Functionality as well as policy will be discussed.

Dates, Times and Registration Links

Thursday, October 8, 2015

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EDT

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5233500894313656834>

e) Dropout Reporting Webinar

This webinar will discuss Dropout Reporting in PowerSchool - how to run the reports as well as how to enter/clean up data. It will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5017506233101582594>

f) Military Connected Students

This webinar will discuss policy and demonstrate how to update the PowerSchool record for military connected students.

The webinar will be recorded and posted to <http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Wed, October 7, 2015

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

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8229541437143037954>

g) PowerSchool School Counselor Training Workshop

This is a face-to-face workshop to be held at DPI in Raleigh. Times for the workshop are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This class is geared to school guidance counselors. This workshop will be a hands-on training covering the basic functionality of PowerSchool pertinent to School Counselors. It will cover basic navigation, state reports, attendance, and graduation plans/progress monitoring.

Dates and Registration Links

October 12, 2015 - <https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6817>

October 13, 2015 - <https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6819>

h) Principal Monthly Reporting

This webinar will demonstrate how to run the PMR in PowerSchool as well as clean up data. It will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Monday, October 5, 2015

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4942490952766523394>

i) Retention/Promotion Report Webinar

This webinar will cover Retention/Promotion reporting. Policy, as well as PowerSchool functionality, will be discussed. The webinar will be recorded and posted to <http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EDT

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5384220848751638017>

j) School Activity Report Webinar - Postponed until after October maintenance weekend.

This webinar will discuss SAR policy, fatal errors and exceptions, and PowerSchool functionality as needed. It will be recorded and posted to <http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>.

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

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