



# Home Base Usage 2016-17 School Year

Frequently Asked Questions  
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## FAQ

### 1. Q: What is the rate to access the full suite of Home Base tools?

A: \$1 per allotted Average Daily Membership (ADM). The ADM is based on the allotted ADM file produced by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (DPI) located here: [bit.ly/1S5LSmM](http://bit.ly/1S5LSmM).

### 2. Q: What resources are available for this price?

A: Districts and charters that choose to leverage the full Home Base suite of tools will receive access to:

- instructional resources and assessment item banks within Schoolnet;
- the platform within TrueNorthLogic for *local* professional development; and
- the communication and collaboration tool OpenClass

DPI reviews usage data regularly to determine how to bring cost savings and high value instructional resources to the state. Recent review of usage information indicated that instructional resources purchased from the Online Learning Exchange and Premium PBS Learning Media Content were not heavily utilized. As a result, we did not renew contracts for purchased items and premium content from these collections respectively. We encourage LEAs to continue to leverage the free content from PBS Learning Media. NCDPI is pursuing avenues to add high quality content in our collections through the #GoOpenNC initiative.

Access to TrueNorthLogic (for state level professional development and NCEES) and to PowerSchool (for SIS) remains available to all districts and charters at no cost.

### 3. Q: Where do I go to sign-up for the full suite of Home Base tools?

A: To opt-in, please complete the web form located at: [bit.ly/1LaDy2b](http://bit.ly/1LaDy2b).

### 4. Q: What is the deadline for signing-up?

A: All responses to the web form (located above) must be submitted by June 15, 2016.

**5. Q: How do I find out if my district or charter school has already signed-up?**

**A:** The running list of districts and charters that have already signed-up can be located at: <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/homebase/>. This list will be updated regularly during the sign-up period (ending June 15).

**6. Q: How do I pay for access?**

**A:** Once you have signed-up, please be sure to print the summary invoice page generated by the form above (question #3), make checks payable to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and put “Home Base 2016-17” in the memo line. Please mail checks to:

NC Department of Public Instruction  
Cash Management and Collections  
6336 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6336

**7. Q: When is my payment due?**

**A:** Payment is due September 1, 2016 *or* two weeks after receiving initial allotments (whichever is later). Payments do not need to be made prior to the start of next fiscal year (July 1, 2016).

**8. Q: I entered a contract with Instructure for the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) last year with costs covered by DPI, do I need to pay this year?**

**A:** Yes. DPI secured a cooperative purchasing agreement with Instructure last year that allowed statewide pricing at a rate of \$3.74 for the Canvas LMS. With the use of the federal Race to the Top (RttT) funding, DPI was able to pay this expense on behalf of districts and charter schools last year. However, with the close-out of RttT, these funds are no longer available and districts/charters that entered contracts must now cover that expense. However, the \$3.74 statewide pricing is still available for any LEA or Charter School that has not yet contracted with Instructure for the Canvas LMS.

**9. Q: Why am I being invoiced for an amount different than my projected ADM?**

**A:** The contract for content uses the *allotted ADM* figure (instead of *projected ADM*) as a basis for its costs since it is a stable number known well in advance. Your cost for the next school year will still be the allotted ADM figure even if there are more or fewer actual users of the system.