

Home Base Biweekly Update



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Home Base Kickoff

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, NCDPI and Pearson held a Home Base Kickoff Meeting for the Core Instructional Improvement System (IIS) Components of Home Base. We are looking forward to beginning implementation of the system. Please read about opportunities to learn more about Home Base below.

Learn More at Ongoing Webinars

The Home Base team is conducting four webinars this month, two especially for teachers on the overall Home Base project; one especially for technology staff; and one that is focused on the student information system component of Home Base.

The Jan. 31 teacher webinar reached capacity with more than 1,300 people registered so we offered another session on Feb. 7.

A [PowerSchool Project Update webinar](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/164112025) that will focus on the Student Information System (SIS) side of Home Base will be offered on **Thursday, Feb. 14** from 9 to 11 am. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/164112025>

If you would like to learn more about the technical side of Home Base, sign up for the **Tuesday, Feb. 19 Home Base Technical Webinar**. It will be held from 3:30 to 5 pm. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/239527097>

Sign up for the **Wednesday, Feb. 27 Home Base Teacher Webinar** to learn more about Home Base. It will be held from 3:30 to 5 pm. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/853006297>

NOTE: To allow as many as possible to participate, it is suggested that groups gather to view the webinar in one location and use one person's login.

Professional Development Day at NC A&T

Saturday, Feb. 9 is the deadline to [register](#) for the 2013 SNCAE/NCAE Regional Professional Development Day at NCA&T to be held on **Friday, Feb. 16**. The Student North Carolina Association of Educators (SNCAE) is hosting regional opportunities for pre-service and in-service educators to come together, grow and learn. There will be a presentation on Home Base at this event.

Saturday, Feb. 16 also is the deadline to [register](#) for the next SNCAE/NCAE Regional Professional Development Day, which will be held on Feb. 23 at **Catawba College**.

Home Base Groups and Meetings

The list of Home Base Groups will be updated regularly to reflect the current groups' membership and will be posted on the Home Base website at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/groups/>. You can also learn more about Home Base and access up-to-date information on the [Home Base website](#).

The Home Base User Group meets monthly to discuss end-user ideas and needs, to voice potential issues or concerns and to let NCDPI know what members see as valuable tools in Home Base. If you would like to become a part of the User Group to give the NCDPI staff your input as we work toward implementation of Home Base, please [sign up](#) to be part of the group and to have regular updates. In February, the User Group will meet face to face on **Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 19-20** in Raleigh. More details will be emailed to members of the group. Our monthly meetings are generally accessible via webinar, and the "sign-up" link for the User Group will take you to a webinar registration. If you are a new member, please register for it even if you intend to meet face to face.

Home Base Resource Consortium members meet monthly to make recommendations about sharing resources and to discuss best practices for vetting, aligning and including resources in Home Base. Meetings are virtual with an occasional face-to-face gathering, usually once a year. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 26** from 3:30 to 5 pm. LEA staff and charter schools staff are encouraged to join the Home Base Resource Consortium to participate. Check to see if your LEA or Charter is a part of the Consortium [here](#). If not, email home_base_ready@dpi.nc.gov to ask about becoming a member.

NCDPI Service Center

Please submit general questions about Home Base to homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov. Questions will be logged into our tracking system, Remedy, for assistance. Support personnel will provide the answer, research or assign to the appropriate area for resolution. Incidents are categorized for statistical reporting to aid in identifying problem areas as well as providing a knowledge base.

More Info: To find out more about involvement in Home Base, please visit <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/improvement/>

PowerSchool Milestone

The Home Base (PowerSchool) Team recently completed a critical milestone. As of Feb. 1, all LEAs have staff and students imported into their instance of PowerSchool. Charter schools' staff and student imports are expected to occur by February 22.

PowerSchool Training Updates

The Home Base PowerSchool Team comprising Pearson project managers, trainers and NCDPI staff are making great strides in training LEAs and charters statewide on the new student information system – PowerSchool. The first groups of training sessions began the week of Jan. 7 and have been occurring weekly. To date, nine, five-day

PowerSchool Level I Certification Classes and two, three-day North Carolina PowerSchool Instant Productivity Trainings (IPT) have been provided. This equates to 214 LEA and charter school personnel trained. Some of the LEAs and charters who are represented in these numbers are listed below:

Five-Day PowerSchool Level I Certification

Burke
Clinton City
Franklin
Nash-Rocky Mount
Thomasville City
Wake
Warren
Weldon City
Green
Johnston
Lenoir
Sampson
Wayne
Wilson
Asheboro City
Chatham
Chapel Hill/Carborro
Davidson
Harnett
Lee
Randolph
Alamance Burlington
Caldwell
Durham
Granville
Orange
Vance
Catawba
Hickory City
Mt. Airy City
Stokes
Surry
Winston Salem/Forsyth
Yadkin

Three-Day NC PowerSchool IPT

DHHS
Edgecombe
Green
Johnston
Nash Rocky Mount
Northampton
Pitt
Rocky Mt. Prep
Sampson
Wilson

This list will continue to grow as more LEAs and charters receive training. Questions pertaining to Home Base PowerSchool training may be addressed to homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

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For past issues of Home Base Biweekly Updates, please visit

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/updates/>

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