

Home Base Biweekly Update



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Final READY III Home Base Update and Demo

If you've not yet had the chance to hold a viewing session at your school or central office to hear the latest on Home Base, you still have one more opportunity. The final "Home Base Demonstrations and What's Coming This Fall" presentation is Monday, April 29, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Dan Gwaltney from NCDPI Learning Systems will show you some of the features from the instructional side of Home Base, including PowerTeacher lesson building and planning tools, and where to find collaborative and vetted standards-aligned resources. PowerSchool Trainer Wendy Hinson will demonstrate a bit of the functionality of PowerTeacher, as well, and will give an intro to the parent portal. In addition, Wendy has posted a PowerSchool Administrator Overview (16 minutes) that can be viewed online now at <http://vimeo.com/64406734>.

PowerSchool will automatically populate key student data into the instructional side of Home Base. What you'll see in both demos — and much more — will be included in the free suite of technology tools for Home Base's 2013-14 kick-off year.

This is an "encore" of the READY III Home Base viewing sessions held on April 18 and 22, and we are encouraging you to watch in groups, in order to accommodate the highest number of participants possible.

MORE INFO: Principals and superintendents have received the registration links for setting up viewing events. **If you are located at a school or LEA, please participate in your school or central office's established session.** If you are NOT school-based and would like to participate, please email Michael.Yarbrough@dpi.nc.gov with subject line: *Please send READY III registration details.* You'll receive login info for the Home Base session April 29 as well as the session "Accountability/Assessments – Setting New Expectations" for May 6, 3:30-5 p.m.

Look For the Home Base Postcard

Teachers and staff will be receiving Home Base postcards in their school mailboxes. The postcards offer a great visual summary of Home Base and what it has to offer.

MORE INFO: If you need additional copies or have stakeholders you'd like to share the postcard with, it is downloadable here, and the Spanish version should be posted next week: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/homebase/getting-ready/postcard.pdf>.

Home Base Regional Training

Human Resource Directors and Curriculum and Instruction Directors received an email on April 22 concerning regional trainings scheduled for LEA/charter school trainers from June 24-July 2. The focus of the Home Base trainings will be: (1) Classroom Instruction/Assessment, and (2) Educator Evaluation. The Classroom Instruction/Assessment will be a full-day session, and the Educator Evaluation session will be a half-day.

Participants of these regional trainings will be expected to use the knowledge and skills they acquire to provide training to local staff within their LEAs/charter schools.

Region	Location
Region 1: June 24- June 25	Elizabeth City State University (Pasquotank Co.)
Region 2: June 24- June 25	Northside High School (Onslow Co.)
Region 3: June 25- June 27	June 25: William R. Davie Middle School (Halifax Co.) June 26-27: Bunn High School (Franklin Co.)
Region 4: June 26- June 27	Richmond Community College (Richmond Co.)
Region 5: June 26- June 27	West Stokes High School (Stokes Co.)

Region 6: July 1- July 2	Hickory Ridge High School (Cabarrus Co.)
Region 7: June 24-June 26	Wilkes County Stone Center (Wilkes Co.)
Region 8: June 27, July 1-2	WRESA (Buncombe Co.)

Note: Districts with at least one year-round school and charters that are year-round have been allotted at least one seat at the early training June 20-21 in Raleigh.

Have You Checked Out PowerSource Yet?

If you haven't already heard, PowerSource is a great place to learn more about some of the components in Home Base. Logins/credentials for PowerSchool are available at the district level from your NC WISE or PowerSchool Coordinator. You can learn about the Classroom Instruction and Assessments (Schoolnet is the component name) as well as the Student Information System (PowerSchool is the component name). The Home Base team recommends the following Mastery in Minutes (3-5 minutes in length) and Distance Learning courses as you explore to learn about some of the functionality in Home Base:

Classroom Instruction Mastery in Minutes	Assessment Mastery in Minutes
<u>Creating a Lesson Plan</u>	<u>Creating an Express Test</u>
<u>Finding and Scheduling an Existing Lesson Plan</u>	<u>Creating an Assessment Question</u>
<u>Linking a Resource to an existing Unit</u>	<u>Finding an Assessment Item</u>
<u>Approving Instructional Materials</u>	<u>Finding a Passage</u>
<u>Creating a Student Group</u>	<u>Reusing a Saved Test</u>

Grading Distance Learning
<u>PowerTeacher</u>
<u>PowerTeacher Gradebook: Getting Started</u>

Home Base Calendar Debuts

We know you want it; now it's here — an online calendar filled with of all the upcoming Home Base activities, including events, presentations and webinar listings that link directly to the

particular webinar's registration page. Use the new calendar to keep up-to-date on all the Home Base offerings. How convenient, right?

MORE INFO: Visit the calendar at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/calendar>.

May Teacher Webinar

When you visit the new calendar, one item that may pique your interest is the next Home Base Teacher Webinar. It's planned for May 29 from 3:30-5 p.m.

MORE INFO: Here's where to register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/498752536>

What Are Some Home Base Resources?

Curious about resources you will find in Home Base? There are currently more than 4,500 instructional resources and additional ones are being added daily. Instructional resources include lesson plans, activities, assessments and professional development materials across all content areas, K-12.

There will be at least three items for every objective for K-12:

- ✓ Math K-8
- ✓ Common Core Math I, II and III
- ✓ Science K-8
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Earth Science
- ✓ Physical Science
- ✓ Social Studies
- ✓ World Languages
- ✓ Arts
- ✓ ESL
- ✓ Healthful Living
- ✓ Focus areas: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math, Academically & Intellectually Gifted, and Exceptional Children

MORE INFO: Check out the following examples:

- [Who Wants Pizza? A Fun Way to Learn About Fractions](#)
- [Exploring Linear Data](#)
- [Comparative Religious Teachings](#)
- [The Zimmermann Telegram](#)

May 1 Scheduling Deadline and Pre-Transition Process

Those schools that elected to complete their scheduling by May 1 are reminded the deadline is closing in. If your LEA has elected to meet the May 1 scheduling deadline, please focus on completing your scheduling now. The PowerSchool team strongly recommends running the Pre-Transition prior to your LEA's scheduling deadline (May 1 or June 1). Why? The Next Grade and Next School data will be converted during Phase 2b of the eSIS to PowerSchool transition to support the PowerSchool End of Year (EOY) process. If Pre-Transition is not completed by your scheduling deadline, you will need to perform the 'like' process in PowerSchool in order to run EOY.

MORE INFO: Instructions for completing the Pre-Transition process in eSIS can be found here: http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/docs/schl_info/WISE_YET_PreTransition.pdf

You can contact the NCDPI Service Desk with questions by emailing: homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov .

New Charters Approved and Ready for Student Transitions

New charter schools have been approved for the 2013-14 school year. All schools may begin transitioning students to the new charter schools within their datacenters. A list of these charters and their data centers are located on the NC WISE website:

http://www.ncwise.org/documents/communications/list/new_charters_2013_14.pdf

Tagging Duplicate Students

The NCDPI is in the process of flagging duplicate student records with the tag 'DUP (original pupil number)' in the state/ministry number field on the basic screen before student records are imported to PowerSchool. This process will retain the complete duplicate record in eSIS, e.g., historical attendance, testing, immunizations, prior school information, etc.

Date for the tagged students will not import into PowerSchool, but the student record will be available in eSIS for merging data by the LEA. To help with record keeping, two Reporting Hub reports have been created to easily locate duplicate student records, along with their historical attendance. Please see the Duplicate Students (LEA) and Duplicate Students (SCHOOL) reports to verify your LEA's tagged duplicates.

The NCDPI needs to have all duplicates cleaned up by May 1 – prior to the first data pull for PowerSchool. Several LEAs have asked if they can help with the process and the answer is YES. If you have the available resources and are willing, please feel free to tag any duplicate in the state/ministry number, using the format described above. NCDPI will report all tagged

duplicates to the UID system after the PowerSchool import. UID will then retire the duplicate number and notify all the source systems of the pupil number converting to PowerSchool. No Service Desk tickets are required unless you have questions or would like to submit a duplicate student spreadsheet.

PowerSchool Project Update Webinar

The fifth Home Base PowerSchool Project Update webinar, held April 25, featured topics including PowerSchool Extracts, Duplicate Students and Security. For those unable to attend, the webinar and other updates are online: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html.

MORE INFO: Future webinars are May 9, May 23 and June 6. If you haven't signed up, please do so; remember, you only need to register once for all webinars scheduled through June 6. You can register here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315714961>.

PowerSchool Training Update

PowerSchool training for LEAs and charters continues statewide. As of April 26, 681 people have received training at 37 training events. Among the total, 308 people, including 38 from charter schools, received the three-day IPT Instant Productivity Training (IPT); 373 attended five-day Instant IPT Certification Training at 19 sessions.

MORE INFO: In case you missed it, Wendy Hinson shared practical tips during one of the PowerSchool webinars on how to incorporate PowerSchool training now through the end of the school year into early summer and after the opening days of the new school year. Listen to her on the archived PowerSchool Update webinar from March 28 archived here: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html.

HOME BASE BIWEEKLY UPDATE INFO

We encourage you to share this Update, and for past issues of Home Base Biweekly Updates, please visit <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/updates/>

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