

# Home Base Weekly Update



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## **Have You Registered for the Home Base Symposium?**

C'mon, we know you wanna, so take a minute now and register for the Home Base Symposium Feb. 17-19 at Greensboro's Sheraton Four Seasons, Koury Convention Center.

Friday, Jan. 31, is the deadline for capitalizing on the great registration fee of \$115. Any registration fees postmarked after this date are subject to the late registration fee of \$250.

Remember, registrations are not complete until payment and a copy of the completed registration form are received at the NCDPI. Payment and forms should be mailed to: NC Department of Public Instruction, Cash Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6336. Checks should be payable to NCDPI Cash Collections.

Here are those registration and hotel reservation links:

**REGISTRATION INFO:** Online registration is available at <http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium14.html>. When completing registrations, please ensure your email address is correct. Certificates of Attendance will be sent to the email addresses entered on the registration form. Find more details on the conference here: [http://www.nc-sis.org/documents/symp\\_2014/Home\\_Base\\_Symposium\\_Letter\\_2014.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/documents/symp_2014/Home_Base_Symposium_Letter_2014.pdf).

**ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Here's the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel reservation form: [http://www.nc-sis.org/documents/symp\\_2014/Home\\_Base\\_Hotel\\_2014.doc](http://www.nc-sis.org/documents/symp_2014/Home_Base_Hotel_2014.doc). Please complete the form and mail or fax it to the hotel address/phone number listed on the

form. Do NOT submit the hotel reservation form to NCDPI. Please remember to state that you are with the Home Base Symposium when making reservations.

**MORE INFO:** For symposium questions, contact Terra Dominguez at [Terra.Dominguez@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Terra.Dominguez@dpi.nc.gov). For registration or payment questions, contact Yolanda Wilson at [Yolanda.Wilson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Yolanda.Wilson@dpi.nc.gov).

### **Districts Provide Feedback on Standards-Based Report Card Requirements**

We understand that districts are eager to have a Standard-Based Report Card template available from the state but prior to releasing a template, it is important to ensure that districts provide feedback and input on its development.

On Jan. 17, NCDPI staff met with district representatives from Asheboro City, Franklin County, Hoke County, Rutherford County and Transylvania County schools to discuss their current standard-based report card practices and gather input on the requirements for the customized template that Pearson is developing for statewide use.

The final requirements for the Standards-Based Report Card will be submitted to Pearson Jan. 24. Once the requirements are reviewed, Pearson will provide a timeline for completion. The committee of district representatives will continue to be involved in the process by reviewing and providing feedback on the template when it is created.

At the Home Base Symposium in Greensboro Feb. 17-19, you'll want to attend the Standard-Based Report Card Lab if you'd like a hands-on opportunity to interact with the NC standards spreadsheet, how it will load into a PowerTeacher Gradebook and populate a standards-based report card. The sample report card that will be used is modeled after the one that Hoke County developed through ReportWorks and has been implementing since Fall 2013. Franklin County staff also will provide information on why they use a standards-based report card and their role in helping develop a statewide template.

### ***New on the Web:* Roles for Instructional Coaches Using Schoolnet**

If your school has Instructional Coaches, or those in similar positions, who need access to aggregate data and lesson plans in Schoolnet, you will need to add specific roles to their account. A new document provides steps and guidance for giving school-level staff access to aggregate data and access to the teacher lesson planner.

To help you, a new document, "More on Roles and Permissions – Access for School Instructional Coaches," has been added to the Home Base website at:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/getting-ready/implementation/category?category=User%20Roles%20and%20Access>. There you'll also find general information about roles and permissions, as well as documents outlining how to set up a teacher with access to build benchmark assessments and to share assessments.

**MORE INFO:** For questions, please contact the Home Base Support Center at [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov).

## **Teachers and Curriculum Staff: Please Complete Our Schoolnet Survey**

Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback via a new survey to gauge teachers' knowledge and use of the instructional materials and classroom assessments in the Home Base Instructional Improvement System, Schoolnet.

Throughout the state, Schoolnet use presently ranges from “not at all” to “daily.” Whether you have used the materials or not, the information you provide will help us communicate with other teachers and staffers about the system, and will provide some baseline data.

The survey should take only five to 15 minutes to complete depending on your use of Schoolnet. We appreciate your taking the time to respond. All responses are confidential.

Access the survey now through Feb. 7 at <https://survey.sedl.org/efm/wsb.dll/s/1g187>.

## **Webinar on Tap for Resource Consortium**

The monthly Resource Consortium webinar is Tuesday, Jan. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m., to review some external instructional resources to determine if they will be included in Home Base. Here's the registration link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/863112568>.

## ***New on the Web: Recent Webinars Posted***

- Teachers: Check out our Jan. 9 webinar, “Home Base IIS Webinar for Teachers - Building Instructional Materials,” now posted online at <https://vimeo.com/83854412>.

Presented by Mary Russell, professional development lead for Region 3, along with Ashley Secor and Dan Urbanski of the NCDPI Learning Systems Division, this one-hour Schoolnet webinar demonstrates how teachers can:

- Search for or create instructional materials in Schoolnet,
- Create lessons plans, and
- Schedule materials, lesson plans and other instructional units to the Lesson Planner in Schoolnet.

This webinar also describes the review/vetting process teachers can follow to share resources with other teachers in their school and district.

- Teachers and administrators might benefit from the Jan. 15 webinar, “Home Base IIS - Introduction to OpenClass,” now available online at <https://vimeo.com/84278294>.

Urbanski of the NCDPI's Learning Systems Division introduces the OpenClass Learning Management System (LMS) component of Home Base. OpenClass is an online collaborative tool used by teachers and students in the classroom.

Attendees learned how OpenClass can be used to:

- Present course content,
- Explore subjects using social learning,
- Collaborate on projects, and
- Participate in active discussions.

- Lastly, “Home Base IIS - Instructional Material Review Process for School Administrators,” which aired Jan. 16, can be accessed at <https://vimeo.com/84345594>.

Presented by Secor and Urbanski, it covers:

- The steps teachers follow to search for existing instructional resources and lesson plans, plus creating new materials and scheduling to the Lesson Planner in Schoolnet,
- Administrators’ review of teacher lesson plans using the Schoolnet Lesson Planner, and
- The review/vetting process teachers and school administrators follow to share instructional resources with other educators in their school and district.

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

### **Exploring the 4 Cs of 21st Century Learning on the Web**

Exploring the 4 Cs of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity on the web will provide educators with the opportunity to maximize the interactivity of the internet to enhance teaching and learning. The next 4 Cs webinar will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

The webinar, targeted to classroom teachers K-12, examines a variety of resources with potential for fostering relevant learning skills in students by focusing on a specific category. Participants will collaboratively explore resources and be given the opportunity to share experiences and additional activities related to the 4 Cs.

Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/692544889>.

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### **Next Maintenance Weekend is Feb. 7-10**

The next scheduled maintenance weekend is Feb. 7-10. View the list of all scheduled maintenance weekends here:

[http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/maintenance/Home\\_Base\\_Maintenance\\_Sched.pdf](http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/maintenance/Home_Base_Maintenance_Sched.pdf)

## **HOME BASE WEEKLY UPDATE INFO**

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