

October 27, 2011

Progress/IPP Release 1.10
'Show Printer Properties' option added
'Print Merge' option added for printing field trips. This option merges the print job into one allowing for automatic stapling
Users now have the option of displaying IPP Review Dates on the IPP Signature Page. This option is on the IPP Print Screen.
The Progress 'Find and Replace' function will now allow you to replace a word with a blank.
Users will no longer be able to enter Specialist Assessments that are older than 5 years. (We do not display these assessments, so they would not be visible if entered.)
Alberta Student Number will now print on an IPP.
IPP Flag Discrepancy Reports have been removed.
XXX0615 and Kindergarten courses have been excluded from the 'Students Without Marks' report
EPSB Mission Statement has been updated, and a description for 'Level of Programming' for grades 1-9 has been added to the Banner Page.
Level of Programming will print for non-core courses on the progress report if one has been entered

August 16, 2011

Progress/IPP Release 1.09
Field Trip Module added. This works exactly the same as SIS except that it 'remembers' field trip rosters. This can be accessed from the Reports Menu.
Level of Programming has been added. This is a new field on the elementary and junior high progress report. It is used to indicate the level of programming a student is being taught at for a specific course for each report period. This is a required field for core courses. The student's current grade will automatically be filled in for core courses.
Courses on the progress report will print using the sort order defined in PowerSchool (Special Functions >> School Functions >> Course Preferences)
CTS modules without a final mark will not print on the progress report
Additional data elements have been added to the Student Profile reports for High School
Instructional Focus has been removed from the IPP
IPP Specialist Assessment data has been limited to the past 5 years
We now restrict a GLA of N to a final grade of N/A
EPS Customizations

The 'residency tree' has been added to the Other Information page to help you choose a residency code by answering a series of questions.
We have added validation to prevent you from entering an invalid combination of residency code and fee sponsorship
You will now be allowed to use the Chrome browser for PowerSchool and PowerTeacher.
A new menu item - 'Links' - has been added to PowerTeacher
The class list report has been modified to print multiple classes for multiple teachers.
New page: School Setup >> School Information. This page will allow you to update basic information about your school principal and assistant principal.
A new Student Correction Form has been added. To get to it, select a group of students and select 'Print Report', then select Student Information Correction Form. Or, go to Special Functions >> Group Functions >> Print Reports and select the Student Information Correction Form
A new report - Student Directory - has been added to the Reports page.
A new function has been added to set up school course weighting and sort order for report cards. This can be found at Special Functions >> School Functions >> Course Preferences (located at the bottom of the page under Admin Functions)
A new field has been added to allow schools to modify section names for certain courses. Preferred Course Name can be found on the Edit Sections page. You can change the course name for sections where the course name begins with XXX or ZNE. Note: these modified section names will NOT display in the PowerTeacher Gradebook.
Class List for both Teacher and Admin now display preferred course name together with the course name
Next year fields are removed from the Other Information page. All next year related fields are on the Next Year page now
When launching the Progress/IPP module, if a user does not have the minimum version of Java installed on their workstation, they will see a message and link to install the preferred version.
The Staff Directory (for All staff) has been modified to show additional information about your school staff. It now shows teacher code, group, homeroom(s) and login ID

June 21, 2011

PowerSchool Alberta 2011.08 update
SIS report – Address for students with Citizenship 5 or 7. The report is updated to only extract the permanent address for students with a citizenship of 5 or 7 if it is different from the mailing address; otherwise only the mailing address is reported.
EPS Customizations
A new report 'Student Counts – By Homeroom and Grade' is added to the reports menu. This report is used to show

a count of grade and gender in each homeroom.
Grade Level is added to the 'Oldest / Youngest Student in a Family' report.
Log Entries for both Teacher and Admin now validate sub-type and log-type fields when you click the Submit button.
New mailing labels for individual parents added. For each parent, users can now print labels with or without an address. There are eight new parent labels.
HLAT Score Sheet by LA Classes now includes K&E LA courses codes JHS7600, JHS8600, and JHS9600.
HLAT Score Sheet had two number 24s. This has been fixed to have one as number 25.
On the Next Year page, the Next Year Homeroom dropdown will change its content based on the Next School dropdown.
'Pre-Enrolment by Homeroom' report is now sorting by next year grade, student name.
On the Enroll New Student page, the birth date is no longer required when doing a direct import using an EPSB student number.
A problem with pre-enrolling a currently expelled student is fixed.

June 3, 2011

Progress/IPP – Release 1.08
Line breaks, extra spaces, tabs, supported rich text (bold, underline, italics) are preserved when pasted in from Word. Pasting is also all done with Ctrl-V. You no longer have to use Ctrl-W to paste from Word
Extra spaces and tabs are preserved in Progress Comments
New Progress Report Format: Descriptors with Period Attendance
Additional class filters have been added to the Students Without Marks, Comments and GLA Reports
'Replace Existing Comment' is now an option on the Apply to All screen. This will overwrite any existing comments for a class - useful if you need a "do-over".
Totals have been added to the 'Current Year Period Attendance' Student Profile Report
Comment Bank - The program now "remembers" which Subject and Grade you were on when switching between students

May 14, 2011

PowerSchool Release 6.2.2.2
PowerSchool Key features:
Previously, the Permanently Store Grades process intermittently failed. This issue is resolved, and the process functions as expected.
PowerTeacher Key features:
Previously, dropped students displayed by default on the Scoresheet and Multi-Section reports. This issue is resolved. Dropped students no longer display by default, but can be selected for display on the Multi-Section rep Previously, the Hide Pre-Registered Students preference caused all enrolments with a future enrolment

date to not display, even if that date matched the first day of the term of the class. This issue is resolved. Now, when the Hide Pre-Registered Students preference is enabled, only students with a future enrolment date do not display.ort settings window, and can be selected for display on the Scoresheet using the Student Groups pane.
Previously, the Weighted Mean calculation displayed in the Summary area was using the assignment weight only. This issue is resolved. Now, the Weighted Mean has been updated to include total weighted points, which used both the points possible and the assignment weight.
Previously, if students were dropped and re-enrolled in the same section, and the teacher used the Recalculate Final Scores feature in PowerTeacher gradebook, some grades could display incorrectly in the PowerTeacher gradebook reports. This issue is resolved. Now, the Recalculate Final Scores feature no longer causes final grades to display incorrectly on reports.
In PowerTeacher, users can now view and enter log entries for students they do not teach. Click on the 'backpack', at the bottom of the menu to the left click on 'Log Entry for any student'. Then click on a letter and select the student from the list. Any existing log entries will be displayed and you can enter a new log entry.
EPS Customizations
New School Function: ' <i>Student List - By Family</i> '. This pages shows all active students in the current school and groups them by family. This page displays all your students (sorted by student phone number) and it allows you to update the Family_Rep field.
New report: <i>Oldest/Youngest Student in a Family</i> shows all oldest or youngest students of a family grouped by homeroom.
New pre-enrolment function: Pre-Enrolment Discrepancy. This page shows discrepancies in pre-enrolment between PowerSchool and District SIS.
New pre-enrolment function: Students List - Next Year Special Eligibilities. This page shows next year special eligibilities for selected grades, homerooms, or for the whole school. Note: this report reads the data from District SIS.
New pre-enrolment function: Next Year School Enrolment Count. This page shows a count of next year enrolment by eligibility (using eligibility one) and grade.
Change to Pre-Enrolment By Homeroom report - multiple homeroom selection is now enabled for this report, and the report will be produced in a PDF format.
The pre-enrolment function Students New to Your School now has a link at the bottom of the page to 'Make all listed students the current selection'. The selected students can then be used to print reports and labels.
Attendance Letters for both half-day attendance and period attendance are now available.
The Special Eligibilities report will not display pre-enrolled students any more. There is a new pre-enrolment page for pre-enrolled students.
Previous years courses on the All Enrolments page are now distinguished by different colors.
On the student Next Year page and Other Information page, the next year home room textbox has been changed to a dropdown list.
Neighbourhood areas for current students will now be updated in PowerSchool on a nightly basis.
The Chrome Browser is not currently allowed for PowerSchool due to data integrity issues.

April 8, 2011

New Report - Pre-Enrolment by Homeroom. This can be found under School Functions > Pre-Enrolment Functions
A new chart to show pre-enrolment numbers has been created - Pre-Enrolment by Grade for schools. This can be found on the Dashboard.
New Report - Diploma and Blended Marks List. This can be found under School Functions.

The Library Group now has access to the Class List and Student Pictures report.
Next Year is now available on the dropdown menu for the Counselor's screen.
Users will receive a warning message if they don't click the "District Lookup" button before clicking "Submit" when registering students.
A link to the PowerSchool Project Page has been added to the Links screen.
Updated phone numbers on the District Lookup page and text on the Temporary Declaration popup screen.
Bug Fix: Expelled student could not be enrolled by the school that the student was directed to
Bug Fix: When using the 'copy student address' function to copy address to mailing address, sometimes users would get an "invalid address" error on a valid address
Bug Fix: The Students With Different Preferred/Legal Surnames report was displaying student names incorrectly.

March 7, 2011

PowerSchool
On the 'Student Field Value' page you can now mass assign 'Next Year Home Room'
A 'Library Functions' menu has been added under the 'Special Functions' menu. 'Follett Loan Types' and 'Follett Extract' functions can be found under this new menu
A 'Pre-Enrolment - All Students' page has been added to the 'School Functions > Pre-Enrolment Functions' page. It shows a detailed list of all students pre-enrolled at the current school
Eligibility codes have been added to the pre-enrolment page: 'Students New to Your School'
The 'French Hours Validation #2' page is now capable of removing all French eligibilities (010, 011, 211) from selected students. Similarly, the 'French Hours Validation #3' page can now add French eligibility 010 to all selected students
A 'Set the Next School Indicator' link has been added to the Task Navigator when transferring out students
Fixed a bug - When enrolling new students (twins) a bug sometimes caused one of the new students to be enrolled with an empty Entry Code and Birth Date.
When enrolling new students, you now have to click the 'District Lookup' button before they can continue the enrolment
If you are using the Chrome browser, when you try to log in to PowerSchool or PowerTeacher you will get a warning message that the Chrome browser is NOT supported for this application

February 22, 2011

Progress/IPP
Users can now set the font size for the module. By default, the font size is 11. Users can change to 12pt or 14pt by clicking 'the Dude' and selecting 'Preferences'. The program will remember your setting.
Progress report now supports teachers with two homerooms (i.e. AM/PM Kindergarten)
'Clean' function has been added to all text boxes - to handle cases where backspacing deletes items on the line above. Right-click and select "clean" to fix.

Totals have been added to Homeroom Current Attendance Profile report
A 'splash screen' will now appear when starting the program
When adding smart pronouns to comment bank items, the extra line feed has been removed
'Paste from Word' keyboard shortcut Ctrl-W has been fixed

February 2, 2011

PowerSchool/PowerTeacher
Student Protection Flag alert added
'All Enrolments' page now indicates Dropped courses. Previous year courses now display with a grey background
Task Navigator added to assist in the transfer-out process
Extra data validation added to student address entry
Parent type now required when adding parent or guardian on Parent/Guardian page
SNAP Home Room (for next year) has been changed to Next Year Home Room
New student page added for 'Next Year'
Student demographic changes not allowed for pre-enrolled students currently in another school
'Edit Sections' changed to accept only numeric section values
AMATTEND, PMATTEND and sections starting with XXX or ZNE now automatically excluded from Store Grades process
Second home room has been added for teachers, to be used for kindergarten teachers teaching two classes
'Student Value Page' Home Room dropdown list changed to display only home rooms for your school

December 20, 2010

PowerSchool / PowerTeacher / Progress/IPP Changes
Edit messages can now be viewed directly in PowerSchool: This page is located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > Edit Messages.
New school function to view Budget Service expiry information. This page is located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > Budget Services Expiry Date.
New school function to print HLAT class lists and score sheets. This page is located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > HLAT Class Lists/Score Sheets.
New school function to view HLAT test results for all students in your school. This page is located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > HLAT Test Results.
New school function to view student network IDs. This page is located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > Network IDs for Students.
New school functions to set up Follett loan types and extract data for the Follett library system. These pages are located by going to: Special Functions > School Functions > Follett Loan Types and Follett Extract. (Documentation for this will be available soon)
Additional error handling has been added to the Progress/IPP module. A new screen will be displayed if any changes are not saved successfully. Staff will also be given the option of emailing any error messages to the support team.
New report added to the Progress/IPP Module - the Low Marks Report. This can be accessed via Reports -> Progress -> Low Marks.
In PowerTeacher, the link for the Teacher Reports has now been changed to a button "Custom Reports". Also, the button for the Progress/IPP module will now be available on most pages.
PowerTeacher Features with Pearson release 6.2.1.7
Key enhancements such as the inclusion of student photos, a preference to hide students not yet enrolled, performance improvements.

New Student View mode on the Scoresheet, allowing teachers to review all scores and determine final standards grades
Copy final grade setup
Dynamic birthday list
New ABS (absent) score code
Administrator View
Key report fixes
New PowerTeacher Gradebook quick launch button located next to the Gradebook button in PowerTeacher.

December 3, 2010

PowerSchool/PowerTeacher
French Hours validation list #3 now has the option to "Make this the current selection of students" (Special Functions > School Functions > French hours validation list #3)
Three new charts have been added to the Reports Page: <i>Grade Summary Chart by Gender</i> , <i>Homeroom Summary Chart by Gender</i> , <i>Homeroom Summary Chart by Grade</i>
All reports on the Reports menu have been sorted alphabetically
New Attendance Report: <i>Multiple Student Attendance List</i> (Find students who have a certain attendance code for a given time period)
New Grades Report: <i>Current Teacher Grades and Comments</i> (View all teacher grades for the current grade term)
New Grades Report: <i>Final Grade Setups</i> (View how teachers set up their gradebooks)
New Grades Report: <i>Grades Distribution</i> (Identifies trends in instruction, grading, and assessment)
New Grades Report: <i>Low Letter Grades Report</i> (Search for C or D grades in teachers' current gradebooks)
New Enrolment Report: <i>Entry/Exit Report</i> (Search for students that have entered/exited your school during a specified month)
New scheduling (live side) report: <i>Section Enrolment Count</i> (Count of the number of students enrolled in sections)
New scheduling (live side) report: <i>Student Free</i> (Find all periods where a student in your school does not have a course on a given day)
New scheduling (live side) report: <i>Teacher Free</i> (Find all periods where a teacher in your school does not have a course on a given day)
New student listings report: <i>Language Spoken at Home</i> (A list of students' language used at home)
New student listings report: <i>List Alerts</i> (Lists all alerts for active students in your school)
New student listings report: <i>Medical Information</i> (A list of all students' medical information. This report is also available in PowerTeacher)
Class List report now had the ability to sort by first name. The sorting is depending on the student name format selected. This report is also available in PowerTeacher.
The Birthday List report now has an 'All-Months' option. The report is also defaulted to display the current month when you first run the report. This report is also available in PowerTeacher.
On the Staff Information page, the school and teacher code can only be changed during the summer.
The wording for 'Language spoken at home' on the Citizenship/Guardianship page is changed to match the Provincial language-related criteria.
The 'Student Address' link (on student demographic pages) now points to a new document containing guidelines for Pasi addresses

October, 2010 (Release 1.05)

PowerSchool/PowerTeacher
New Process to upload Suspension information
Progress
New Report: Students Without Marks
New Report: Students Without Comments
New Report: Students Without GLA
Find and Replace on single student screen
Progress comment capped at 4000 characters (including comment bank)
Report Period 4 disabled for all schools except High Schools
Add ability to use School Comment Numbers on the Progress list screen (prefix with 's')
IPP
New Report: Student Inclusion
New Report: Missing IPP Sections
View Goal button added to Goal screen: allows user to view their entire goal while editing other parts (ie Objectives or Review)
Spellcheck dictionary updated with common assessment test names
Fixed the IPP Helpful Links hyperlink - now points to Staffroom instead of InfoZone
Additional Help text on IPP screens
Classroom assessment comment field is hidden on the IPP if they don't exist
Allow deletion of non-coded IPP if previous year classroom assessments exist

September, 2010 (Release 1.04)

PowerSchool/PowerTeacher (implemented thru the summer)
Modifications to Birthday list
Change to allow entry of new English Language Learners data
Modifications to options for Class List
New Report - Students with extra funding
New Report - Student List - special eligibilities
Extracts for student pictures & ID cards
New report - student pictures
Progress/IPP (Sep 7, 2010)
IPP - Classroom Assessment Comment Section not shown on IPP Report if blank
IPP - Leave blank sections off the printed IPP (for Additional Staff, Year End Review, Additional Information) (except for the final IPP)
IPP - Add a row for comments, with text-wrap, after each classroom assessment.

IPP - Add Alignment reminder in the Instructional Accommodations and Strategies section
IPP - Add the option to print off individual sections of an IPP for one or more students.
IPP - Give the 'IPP Key Contact' the ability to delete an IPP, and to compile reports
IPP - Add a 'Next Student' button at the top of each screen so it is easy to navigate from student to student to complete a section for each student.
IPP - On the ipp report, have a space between each objective to increase the readability of the goals and objectives section of the IPP.
IPP - Add a spell check button to the screens
IPP - Reformat Goals & Objectives area
IPP/Progress - Reformatting of top banner
Add more formatting options into Progress reports
Add GLA to amalgamated progress report
Provide schools with the ability to print an entire student profile
New Report - Student Profiles - transfer-ins /transfer-outs
New report - Student Profile - Student current homeroom attendance
New Report - Student Profile - Student Period Attendance