

October 31, 2013

Progress / IPP Module
<i>New Features</i>
Two teachers assigned to a section is now supported – both teachers will see the class in their class list and both teachers will be able to edit progress comments. Warning: Both teachers will also be able to delete the progress comment!
A new Kindergarten IPP is in place for Mild/Moderate students (Coded 47). This is an abbreviated IPP where only certain sections are filled out.
New IPP Inclusion Code Descriptions – the 4 previous descriptions (Congregated, Integrated, Partially Integrated, Included) have been replaced with 3 new descriptions (Regular, Special, Combination). Users will not need to make any changes to previously filled out inclusion codes.
Field Trip Forms now include a “Contingency Plan” section. This is a required section and users will receive a warning if it has not been filled out.
<i>Enhancements</i>
The Transfer In/Out Report will now print out a student's previous Out of District school if the information was entered.
Users can now run the Awards report for the past 3 years.
<i>Bug Fixes</i>
Specialist Assessments done at other schools was not printing on the Specialist Assessment section preview. Fixed
The Field Trip District Requirements button link was broken. Fixed.
Previous Year Award Report was throwing an error when run with the Sort Order By Homeroom or Grade option. Fixed.
Progress comment bank for kindergarten subjects did not stay on the user's selected grade when switching between students in the same class. Fixed.

September 25, 2013

PowerSchool
Class List will print by learning groups that have a dash in the name.
Medical Report and Medical Information no longer show inactive students.
New Report: Student List By Program Report (Special Functions -> School Functions)
Updated Field Trip Parent Consent Form - Additional legal information (as requested by Executive Services)

August 7, 2013

PowerSchool 7.8.1
This PowerSchool upgrade contains major enhancements and resolved issues. It also contains an update to the Alberta Reporting module (version 13.7.1).
Co-Teaching Co-Teaching allows any number of teachers and staff to be associated with a section seamlessly throughout PowerSchool. Additional teachers can have their own level of access to PowerTeacher Gradebook. Depending on the role assigned, section teachers are visible on reports, the Quick Lookup page. Co-Teaching is designed to remain 100 percent backward compatible with schools expecting a single teacher per section.
Unified Teacher Record Multiple schools can now be assigned for each teacher or staff member user record. Administrative users can have a different role assigned for each school they are able to access in PowerSchool. The security group associated with the role will be used whenever the user switches to that school.
Course Availability The ability for schools to add new courses for their school has been removed. This is now managed at the district. If you need to add new courses for your school you must contact the HelpDesk (please provide them with the full 8 character course number).
Teacher Schedule Report A new Teacher Schedule Report is now available, allowing administrators to print teacher schedules in a format similar to the Schedule Matrix staff page. Select one or more teachers and then choose the Teacher Schedule Report from the Group Staff Functions page.
The Seating Chart now supports printing with longer student names displayed on multiple lines.
Several enhancements have been made to the Permanently Stored Grades process.
Added Course and Section number to the Historical Grades > Multiple New Entries page.
When enrolling a student into a class with dependent sections, any dependent sections with an alphanumeric section number were being ignored. This issue is now resolved.
After clicking View Entire Year Schedule for a student, not all classes were shown if the current term was set to the full year. This issue is now resolved.
PASI changes: province pages now have additional effective dates and expiry dates to match PASI data elements.
PowerTeacher
School switching is now available in PowerTeacher and PowerTeacher Gradebook without needing to sign out.
Any number of teachers can work with sections in PowerTeacher, including generating reports and taking attendance.
Seating Chart loading issues If an attendance code description or Seating Chart description contains certain characters, the Seating Chart may fail to load and instead display a loading dialog. This issue is now resolved.
Teachers using Internet Explorer 8 were unable to load the seating chart with certain zoom levels. This issue is now resolved.
PowerTeacher GradeBook
Co-Teacher PowerTeacher Gradebook Access Any number of teachers can be granted write or read-only access to sections in PowerTeacher Gradebook.
PowerTeacher Gradebook system error when saving assignments When attempting to save an assignment or when clicking on the Grade Setup tab for a section that has switched teachers or terms, teachers may receive a system error, "Got more than one result – resultSize=2." Duplicate final grade bin records for the impacted section caused the error. This issue is now resolved.
EPSB Customizations
New Grade Scale: JH Numeric. This is a numeric grades scale for use on JHS classes. It includes IEA and CMU marks. The default grade scale for all JHS courses has been modified to use this new JH numeric grade scale. This does <u>not</u> affect JHS classes that use the Letter Grades grade scale.

When enrolling a new student before the 1st day of school the student start date will now default to the 1st day of school. This is a requirement for PASI.

After you Re-Enroll Student In School, you will be taken to a page that will complete the re-enrolment process. This page will validate eligibility codes, program codes and provincial grant codes.

Minor changes to student demo pages: The living independently question is disabled if the student's age is less than 16. On the Other Information page, the Home Jurisdiction field is no longer linked to the AB Resident Board field.

You no longer have to transfer students to the Inactive Students School. This is a requirement for PASI. Transfer To Another School: the Inactive Students School (999) has been removed from the list of schools.

Parents/Guardian and Other Information page now have a special control in the top right that will move you to the bottom of the page.

Progress/IPP Module: no changes at this time

April 19, 2013

Progress/IPP Module – Release 1.15
New Features
Weighted Averages have been added to the Progress Report. They can be turned on via the Progress Report Card Format Setup screen. Weightings are taken from settings on the Course Preferences screen in PowerSchool (Special Functions -> School Functions)
Comments for CTS Modules will be printed if they exist (but only if the module has a final mark)
Enhancements
The student name fields on the progress report has been expanded so it can display really long student names in full
The Low Marks Report now has distinct columns for Final Mark and Blended Marks instead of “sharing” a column.
Awards Report – Required Courses are now listed by Course Code rather than Course Section. Also, a checkbox has been added so you can easily include or exclude Required Courses.
An absence code of ‘S’ (in-school suspension) no longer counts as an absence
XXXalpha course codes (i.e. XXXAISL, XXXREAD) no longer appear in the Progress Module
Bug Fixes
Awards Report – The Most Recent Mark column was not being exported to Excel
Field Trips – Selecting students by class was not always moving the entire class.
Field Trips –When printing to SchoolZone, font substitution was causing long sections to cut-off.
Schools could not move themselves into the next Progress Reporting Period unless they waited two weeks (and they would be moved automatically). Schools can now move to the next reporting period themselves (provided they are currently in that period).
IPP Missing Sections Report was not working correctly for Year End Review
Progress Report Proof Sheet report was not showing secondary students
Previous Year Progress Report was not showing the correct homeroom teacher

March 9, 2013

PowerSchool – PASI Changes

New 'Alberta module', with functionality that will enable reporting of student personal and enrolment data directly from schools to Alberta Education. Features include:

- Look up students that exist in PASI, directly from PowerSchool
- View Basic or Detailed PASI student profile within PowerSchool
- Look up or create an ASN from within PowerSchool
- Add/Modify/Delete functionality on Province page, similar to PASIPrep

Change to the data flow for registering new students (as per Inservices Mar 4-8). (The [registration form](#) has also been changed to match the new flow.)

Change to the 'Other Information' page in PowerSchool - incorporation of translation of some EPS-specific coding (eg eligibility) to Alberta Education coding

Access to modify PASI information on the Province page is restricted to Registrars (as these are the staff members responsible for maintaining PASI data)

Other Enhancements

'Other Information' page and 'Next Year' page - Addition of 'student program' data > schools can enter up to 3 programs for a student (Alternative, Special Needs, Administrative), separate from eligibility.

'Permanently Store Grades' page has been significantly improved. Updated documentation is available on the [PowerSchool web site](#).

'Validate Data' page now displays the student's enrolment status. It also has 2 new sections related to PASI data - students with Alberta FNMI data not matching Aboriginal Ancestry and students missing Section 23 Eligibility information

NEW: *Special Functions > School Functions > Sections With Exclude From Attendance Checked*. This page will identify sections where the 'Exclude From Attendance (ADM/ADA)' option is checked. These sections will not appear on the PowerTeacher home page.

Grad Requirements Report has been updated to include CTS modules in the expected credits count.