

December 22, 2014

This PowerSchool upgrade contains major enhancements and resolved issues. It also contains a major update to the Oracle database from version 11g to version 12c.

PowerSchool

The look-and-feel has been updated to make it easier to view.

The home page now has improved search capability. You can select students by hand and have quick access to group functions. The new Advanced mode allows you to create selections from multiple searches by being able to add, subtract, or find students within the previous student selection.

Student search codes are now available in the start page field list.

You can now delete individual student photos.

PASI

Only the preferred mailing address will be synchronized with PASI. Core alerts for the permanent address will be removed.

PowerTeacher GradeBook

There is a new method to launch the PowerTeacher GradeBook.

EPSB Customizations

We have added Search Command buttons to the home page.

The Stored Searches have been cleaned up and a few useful stored searches have been added.

On the Parents page, the Resides With field has been moved next to the Relationship field.

Learning Groups will not save without entering a description.

The French hours field is now validated on the Edit Sections page.

PASI student Core Alerts button is now available on the Province page for non-home (secondary) schools.

Schools will no longer be allowed to delete previous concurrent enrolments.

Final Grade Setup report has been fixed to not display categories multiple times for one teacher.

A new Student Bell Schedule report has been added: System Reports > ReportWorks > Student Bell Schedule by Period.

Mass Update Diploma Exam Dates has been added to the School Functions page.

October 27, 2014

Progress / IPP Module

Progress Reports have been modified to match the new Standard District Templates

- Banner Pages have been updated with the new Mission Statement and the descriptor text with new definitions
- Effort has been completely removed
- Schools are no longer able to customize the name of their XXX0615 Advisor class. It will default to "Comments" and cannot be changed. All other options are unchanged.
- Text on the Descriptor Report Card Format have been updated to the new definitions
- Grade Level of Programming (GLP) is now restricted to Core Courses only.
- GLA has been removed and will be replaced with a year-end GLP, which will be a copy of the final term GLP.
- Other minor cosmetic tweaks to match the templates
- Any work already done to date is **unaffected**

Schools can now post Previous Year Progress Report cards to SchoolZone

The History of Enrollment Profile Report and Transfer In/Out Report have been fixed

The awards report was not calculating correctly when students had a WDR as a final mark.

September 15, 2014

PowerSchool

Student Coding structure has been implemented. Please see section about for details.
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New Student Coding tab is available under the Student Pages.
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Eligibilities have been removed from the Other Information page.
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New - Class List By Homeroom

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class lists can now be printed by homeroom. Look under System Reports where the other class list reports are.• Users also now have the option of adding row numbers to their class lists. |
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Progress / IPP Module

The IPP Module now reflects the new student coding structure
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The IPP Signature page has been updated

The module is now Java 7_b67 compliant
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NOTE: The History of Enrollment and Transfer In/Out profile reports are not working correctly. Watch for updates for when this is resolved.
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ELL Module

The ELL Module now works with the new student coding structure
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April 4, 2014

PowerSchool 7.10.2
This PowerSchool upgrade contains major enhancements and resolved issues.
It also contains an update to the Alberta Reporting module (version 14.3.0).
PowerSchool admin users can view a teacher's schedule matrix that includes Co-Teacher information and displays only sections that occur on the current day.
The Close Section at Max override password dialog does not appear when scheduling a student with the Quick Enroll process. This issue is now resolved.
Assignments with a custom exempt score did not appear on Quick Lookup. This issue is now resolved.
Course Availability is now enforced so that only Available Courses can be scheduled in PowerScheduler.
Improvements to overall performance and security.
PASI key features: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the Province page, the Exclude From State Reporting checkbox displays for students with grade levels less than zero (pre-kindergarten). Additionally, the nightly PASI Maintenance Job includes a process to discard events of students without an ASN, in grade level less than zero, and have the Exclude From State Reporting flag set.• On the Mass Re-Enroll group function, the Registration Type has been added.• Pre-registered enrollments are now submitted to PASI after the yearend process.• The SCM/CTS Validation reports can now be run for the specified term. Additionally, the SCM Validation now includes an option to select the Completion Status for marks less than 25 percent. Additional information will follow at your next senior high clerks meeting.
PowerTeacher
PowerSchool Substitute login information was not case sensitive: When a substitute teacher signed in to the PowerSchool Substitute portal, case sensitivity of the login information was not strictly enforced. This issue is now resolved.
PowerTeacher portal users can view their own schedule matrix to determine the sections they are teaching on the current day, and Co-Teaching information.
PowerTeacher GradeBook
When submitting assignment scores for 21 or more distinct assignments in PowerTeacher Gradebook, a Socket Timeout error may appear. This release includes several performance fixes to address these socket timeout errors.
When the Display Dropped Classes checkbox is selected on the Multi Section Report, student grades for a dropped section are not appearing. This issue is now resolved. Student grades for a dropped section now appear correctly when the checkbox is selected.
Socket Timeout Error When Launching Gradebook: When launching PowerTeacher Gradebook, a Socket Timeout Error appears for some users. This issue is now resolved.
Progress / IPP Module
Two new Profile Reports: Current Course with GLP and History of Courses with GLP. These reports are similar to the original reports except Grade Level of Programming for each term is included.
The Progress Low Marks Report did not handle marks of IEA or CMU. This has been fixed.
Mild/Moderate Kindergarten IPPs now include the section Year End Review
EPSB Customizations
Student neighbourhood and designated school(s) have been added to the Pre-enrollment reports (that will be available Apr 16)
Bug fixes for the High School Graduation Requirement Report
Updated the instructions for Mass Printing a Student Screen

January 2, 2014

PowerSchool 7.9.1.2
This PowerSchool upgrade contains major enhancements and resolved issues.
It also contains an update to the Alberta Reporting module (version 13.12.0).
Attendance can now be taken from the section list or the teacher schedules list.
The Search by Grades/Attendance function does not return the expected results when using <= or >= searches. This issue is now resolved.
A checkbox "Display today's sections" has been added to the Teacher Schedule page.
The Student Matrix View on the live side ignores the period sort order. This issue is now resolved.
PASI changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASN is no longer editable on the Province page. It must be assigned using the PASI lookup feature.• On the Compliance Demographics tab, when all data elements in a section are blank then only the Add button shall be enabled.• On Address, Phone and Disclosure Restrictions we have the ability to Expire Current/Inactive the record in PASI when deleting it from PowerSchool. This was made more visible so the user can take appropriate action.• SCM Validation report changes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The update process changes courses with failing marks to have a Completion Status of COM. Failing marks should result in a status of INC.○ The update process must not change anything for CTS module courses.
PowerTeacher
Known issue: Pearson has tightened security in PowerTeacher so that we can no longer update data for students that we do not teach. This means that the "Log Entry for any student" page will no longer allow us to enter log entries. Also, as a result of this change, the student alerts do not display at the top of this page.
Updated Jan 13/14 - We are happy to report our Log Entry For Any Student page is now functioning again!
PowerTeacher GradeBook
Teachers can copy assignments and final grade setup across schools in the PowerTeacher GradeBook.
The PowerTeacher Gradebook launch is compatible with Java 7 updates 45 and 51.
When saving assignment scores in PowerTeacher Gradebook, teachers may occasionally see a Storing Scores progress indicator, followed by a Socket Timeout error message after waiting for a few minutes. This issue is now resolved.
When using the PowerTeacher mobile pages to enter attendance on certain mobile devices, student names are missing from the attendance view. This issue is now resolved.
If a student drops, then re-enrolls into the same section, scores associated with the student's original enrollment are missing from the Scoresheet report and the Multi-Section report. This issue is now resolved.
Users encountered random "record-locking" where Gradebook would hang when trying to save assignment marks for certain students in certain courses. This issue has been addressed.
Progress / IPP Module
The Progress/IPP Module launch is compatible with Java 7 updates 45 and 51.
EPSB Customizations
The Student Information Correction Form now displays a student bar code number. We have added the FNMI declaration and a parent signature line to this report.
On the Enroll New Student page, the District Lookup function will now work if you just enter the EPS student number.
The Edit Section page now correctly displays the course default grade scale value.
We have added a new Special Functions page to show transferred-out students with current classes.
Student Free and Teacher Free reports are now working in Chrome.

Commas are no longer allowed when setting up Learning Groups.

Registrars now have a link on the home page to View Edit Messages.

Medical Information reports now display which parents the student resides with.

The Contacts pages now contain parent addresses.

Modified PowerTeacher custom reports to handle co-teachers.