

Home Base/RttT Biweekly Update



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What Does the New IAM Service Login Mean to Me?

Logging into PowerSchool, SchoolNet, NCEES, and OpenClass is about to be streamlined. The new NCEdCloud Identity and Access Management (IAM) Service accounts will provide teachers, students and staff one login to these four resources, plus the new LMS (Instructure Canvas) and Learning Object Repository, fulfilling the initial promise of one Home Base login. Home Base users have logged in through PowerSchool while awaiting the IAM Service's implementation. That will no longer be necessary once the Service is integrated. Between now and July 6, the date the new single sign-on goes live, please follow the latest IAM Service updates in the Biweekly Update. This will help you prepare for the login transition. Users may currently visit the [NCEdCloud IAM Service](#) website for information, and here's how to prepare for your first IAM Service login:

The NCDPI encourages districts and schools to have at least one LEA Administrator before everyone else in the school claims his or her account. This is usually the Technology Director or lead technical person for the LEA or Charter School.

NCEdCloud accounts are currently available and LEAs and Charter Schools can begin providing students and employees account access as soon as their processes are organized accordingly. Account claiming through the Workflow process should begin with key technical staff who would then request privileged roles like LEA Administrator, followed by teachers and other faculty, and finally by students.

Each user will confirm a username and password (see Claim My Account video; link below). Teachers are granted continual access to all their students' accounts, providing them permissions to aid students with login assistance and password changes.

Rollout Order for Claiming Accounts:

1. While users may claim their accounts any time between now and July 6, we urge the designated technology leaders (e.g. Tech Directors) to first Claim their accounts and then request the *LEA Administrator role*. (An "LEA Administrator" is the person identified by the school administrator/principal to have access to all staff, faculty and student accounts.) This gives technical and instructional management time to organize account claiming for their faculty and staff on a timeline best suited to each district's or school's calendar.
2. Once the LEA Administrator notifies the school's staff and faculty to proceed, teachers may then access their own accounts through the Claim My Account process.
3. Next, Teachers will be notified by their LEA or Charter School administration when to assign Student Accounts. Teachers can assign Student Accounts once their personal account is claimed, according to their school's calendar.

4. LEAs and Charter Schools may decide, at their own discretion, to allow grades 6-12 Students to self-claim accounts or issue accounts directly to these students the same as grades K-5 (see: [For Teachers and Staff](#) on the IAM Website).
5. Student logins to PowerSchool will employ a new URL after July 6. Rather than using .../public, students will access PowerSchool with a .../student URL.
6. Parent logins to PowerSchool will remain unchanged, as they will not be using the NCEdCloud IAM Service..

Watch the [Claim My Account](#) Video to learn how to set up your UID and password. For more information, visit the [NCEdCloud IAM website](#) and click [Getting Started!](#) Continue to follow the Biweekly Update for links and more instructions and the latest news about the new NCEdCloud IAM Service.

Teacher Spotlight

This week's [Teacher Spotlight](#) features Ms. Monica Thompson from Barnes Elementary School in Wilson. Ms. Thompson is a 5th grade science teacher who is using Schoolnet to ensure that she is meeting the specific needs of her students. Ms. Thompson describes how she uses the assessment items in Schoolnet to conduct pretests that help her to identify focus areas for her instruction. In addition, she explains how she uses the instructional materials available in Schoolnet to help her with lesson planning and engaging her students in a way that leads to meaningful learning.

Classroom teachers, if you want us to feature your video and let us know how you use Home Base, please send an email to [Home Base Ready](#).

2013-14 Standardized Test Data Available in Schoolnet

Additional standardized test data are now available in Schoolnet. The EOC/EOG data from 2013-14 has been added along with ACT, PLAN, EXPLORE, DIBELS and TRC data. The data can be found on the student profile under the standardized test data tab or in preformatted or custom reports on standardized test data.

To accompany this additional data, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for standardized test data have also been enabled for users. You can access the new KPIs under School and District Data Module within Schoolnet on the same dashboard where you already have access to benchmark test KPIs. The list below is the complete list of standardized test data that can currently be found in Schoolnet.

2012-13 and 2013-14 EOG and EOC

2012-13 and 2013-14 ACT, PLAN, EXPLORE

2012-13 and 2013-14 DIBELS and TRC

2012-13 CTE Post-Assessments (HS)

PowerSchool Emergency Maintenance Saturday, April 4

Pearson will be performing emergency maintenance on the PowerSchool application Saturday, April 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This fix will address the recurrence of “Denial of Service” attacks. This maintenance will involve testing against the hosting infrastructure to identify the impact of these attacks and where improvements can be made to better handle them before or after they are mitigated. While no instances will be taken offline, interruptions in service may occur during this period. We strongly encourage you to refrain from accessing the system until maintenance is complete.

Benchmarking Soon? Let Us Know When

The NCDPI is pleased to report that Schoolnet recorded the largest number of online assessments completed within a specific hour last week. Additionally, Schoolnet continues to provide a stable instructional improvement system with no known system-wide issues. We are still continuing to improve and monitor Schoolnet, especially during peak usage times, such as when many districts administer their benchmark tests. In order for us to have the most up-to-date information in one place and to be able to anticipate peak testing time, we ask that you fill out a quick and simple form at <http://goo.gl/MB5oax> to let us know about your plans for benchmarking.

We look forward to hearing from you about your benchmark plans.

Principals Registered Yet? 2015 Principal READY PD Series

Principals across the state will engage in sessions on EVAAS, Teachers Working Conditions data (TWC) and supporting the Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Discussing professional teaching standards, the classroom observation process and specific school data, administrators will interact with colleagues and Educator Effectiveness staff for the 4th session of the principal professional development series.

Dates:

Region 1, April 22

Region 2, April 21

Region 5, April 14

Region 6, April 13

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/1GtVTi9>

Home Base Weekly Webinar Series

The NCDPI invites you to take advantage of the weekly Home Base Webinar Series which invites system users to discuss timely topics. Webinars are designed to assist users with PowerSchool, Educator Evaluation/PD System plus Schoolnet and OpenClass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These webinars are always free and offer attendees the opportunity to learn about best practices, tips for success and new aspects of

the system. Participants are also given a chance to ask questions and connect with experts. Upcoming topics include:

- Mid-Year Graduates in PowerSchool
- North Carolina Educator Evaluation System
- What does Quality Online PD look like?
- Creating Classroom Assessments in Schoolnet
- KPIs and Pre-Formatted Reports in Schoolnet

For a full list of upcoming topics, webinar start times and registration links, please visit <http://bit.ly/1E7iqV1> and click *Webinars* on the left navigation bar. The calendar is being updated daily with new training sessions so check back often.

Specific upcoming webinars on Schoolnet, OpenClass and PowerSchool/PowerTeacher are also listed below.

Weekly Webinars on Schoolnet and OpenClass in April and May

The Schoolnet and OpenClass webinar series continues on Thursdays the remainder of the school year and features weekly sessions on each of the components within Schoolnet (Classrooms, Assessment Admin, and School and District Data) and on OpenClass.

Webinar details are posted on the Home Base website at <http://bit.ly/1KplNZ2> and <http://bit.ly/1Dq1RU1>.

Please visit our [online calendar](#) for future webinars.

Below you will find the new topics for the upcoming April and May Schoolnet webinars.

Date	Time	Topic	Description	Registration
4/2/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – School and District Data Component: Custom Reporting and KPIs	In this Schoolnet webinar, we will look at options for custom or preformatted reporting related to benchmark performance and standardized assessment data. Included in the discussion will be information about the KPI dashboard for standardized assessments.	Webinar Registration

4/9/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Assessment Admin Component: Co-authoring items and assessmen	This Schoolnet webinar demonstrates how to utilize Schoolnet's collaborative capabilities to co-author assessment items, rubrics, passages and entire assessments.	Webinar Registration
4/16/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Classrooms Component: ITF and Media Coordinators Best Practices	This webinar offers a roundtable discussion by the NCDPI Schoolnet experts and SLMCs and ITFs experienced in Schoolnet on best practices and more! For the ITF and SLMC focus, essential questions will be answered including "How can Schoolnet help me meet my professional standards?" and "How can Schoolnet help me meet the performance indicators for my evaluation?"	Webinar Registration
4/23/2015	3:30-4:30	OpenClass – Formative Assessment and Schoolnet Resources	This webinar demonstrates using OpenClass to support the formative assessment process in the classroom. Also how to tie in Schoolnet resources and resources from Pearson's Exchange into OpenClass courses to deliver high quality, multimedia rich and standards based content.	Webinar Registration
4/30/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – User Management Roles & Permissions	This webinar will provide training in managing user access in Schoolnet. You will learn how to review recently added and existing roles and permissions. Specific examples and issues pertaining to user	Webinar Registration

			roles and permissions will also address multiple permissions for roles.	
5/7/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet and OpenClass Year end—Planning for the School Year	In this webinar, you can review yearend processes and best practices for planning back-to-school 2015/16.	Webinar Registration
5/21/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet - Assessment Admin Component—Reflection	In this webinar, learn from the expertise of teachers, staff and leadership experienced in the assessment side of Schoolnet as we look back and ask "What did we learn? Where can we improve?"	Webinar Registration
5/28/2015	3:30-4:30	School and District Data Component—Reflection	This webinar will allow you to learn from the expertise of teachers, staff and leadership experienced in the data and reporting side of Schoolnet look-back as we ask, "What did we learn? Where can we improve?"	Webinar Registration

Webinars Help Educators Find Solutions

Looking for feedback from peers from other districts? Teams or individuals may now participate in Cross-district Strategic Solutions statewide topic-based forums. The purpose

of *Cross-district Strategic Solutions* sessions is to build a problem-solving, solution-generating Professional Learning Network of educators open to district leaders, administrators, teachers and coaches across the state. Educator Effectiveness PD Leads will assist you with facilitating the process. During the forum sessions, teams or individuals introduce a challenging issue and receive feedback from other participants across the state. Each forum session is held in the late afternoon. See the schedule below and join the conversation!

Positive feedback from past attendees:

“This framework offers a structure for presenting issues, asking questions and gathering feedback I can use back in my district.”

“A great venue for learning from educators we never get to see, and getting ideas from peers across the state.”

Date	Topic	Registration
4/15/2015	Transitioning to Digital Text	Webinar Registration
4/16/2015	Differentiated Instruction Based Upon Data	Webinar Registration
4/20/2015	Preparing for Math I While Remediating Middle School	Webinar Registration
4/28/2015	Recruitment and Retention	Webinar Registration
4/29/2015	Vertical Transition from 5 th to 6 th Grade	Webinar Registration

To view an example of a Cross-district Strategic Solutions forum, visit <http://bit.ly/virtualmodeling1030>. To download the protocol, go to: <http://bit.ly/cdssprotocol>. Questions? Contact Educator Effectiveness consultant, Heather Stewart, heather.stewart@dpi.nc.gov

PowerSchool – Q & A Open Forum Webinars

The Open Forum webinars are facilitated forums and won't offer any presentations. The attendees can ask their scheduling questions to a panel of the NCDPI staff members. Included are the dates and registration links for June.

Dates and Registration here:

Friday, June 12, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24, 1 p.m.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/1B65yrX>

** Please note all registration information is subject to NC Public Records Law.

For more information about NC SIS training and documentation, please visit our website at <http://www.nc-sis.org>.

PowerSchool Build and Load Workshops

Time is running out to register for PowerSchool Build and Load workshops. Registration ends Monday, April 6. Workshops with low registration numbers may be combined or cancelled due to funding limitations. Remember, two schools per LEA may be signed up for each type of workshop. A single registration by the coordinator holds 4 physical seats in the workshop for that school's scheduling team— or 4 participants per school to each session. Registrations are on a first come first serve basis. If a session is full, no additional seats will be offered in that session. Please keep in mind, if you are hosting a session for us, you must still register to reserve your seat for that time.

If an LEA would like to change their registration to attend a workshop outside their region, they may do so at this time. Registrations may be self-cancelled up to one week before the event.

Session information and sign up links can be found here: <http://bit.ly/19DeU8X>. You may also visit the NC SIS website's Course List page for training location, dates, times and registration: http://www.nc-sis.org/course_list.html.

Workshops, described below, last from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own:

2015 Build Workshops

Build Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Build and Load” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with completing their master schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Prepare to Build Workbook (<http://bit.ly/1FKtNSp>), including validating their build data if possible.

2015 Load Only Workshops

Load Only Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Load Only” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with loading their students and completing their schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Load Process Workbook (<http://bit.ly/1Dm6DI6>), ensuring that a complete, valid timetable is in place and the load data is validated, if possible.

Do bring your own technology to the session, as not all of our spaces are computer labs. We look forward to working with you in continuing the scheduling process. Questions may be directed to the PowerSchool Training Team:

Aaron Bissonnette, aaron.bissonnette@dpi.nc.gov or Sue Ann Stalnaker, sueann.stalnaker@dpi.nc.gov

Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is April 24-27

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 24, through Monday, April 27. The system will shut down Friday at 5 p.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use.

Home Base will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m., Monday morning. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email and the new [Home Base Alert on Twitter: http://bit.ly/1zVb561](http://bit.ly/1zVb561)

You can view the entire upcoming schedule of maintenance weekends [here](#).

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Governor’s Teacher Network: Teacher-Leaders Sharing Research Across NC

The Governor’s Teacher Network (GTN), composed of 425 outstanding teachers, are deep in curriculum study, writing and implementing action research at their school sites. These teachers are creating exceptional instructional unit sequences which will be hosted in Schoolnet. Additionally, GTN teachers are presenting action research projects regionally and nationally while districts are hosting GTN showcases in regional meetings. Action research projects will live in the professional development system of Home Base as online modules. Teachers also have an exciting opportunity to present their action research findings to educational leaders at NCCAT in Cullowhee for the GTN Research Symposium May 1 – 3. This is a great opportunity for educators across the state to learn from our

teacher leaders in the field, sharing their cutting edge research findings. Check us out at CCSA during the focus sessions!

For more information, contact Angela Jackson, angela.jackson@dpi.nc.gov, director of the Governor's Teacher Network.

Department Codes in Schoolnet

The effort to clean up and resolve issues related to department codes from PowerSchool to Schoolnet is complete. In Schoolnet, you will now see the full list of department codes and the mappings of courses match the same mappings in PowerSchool. This is especially helpful when scheduling assessments and/or mapping curriculum, so please note you will now have the complete list of departments to improve your search for courses.

Home Base Website Updated with Schoolnet Roles and Permissions Documents

The Schoolnet Roles and Permissions webpages have been updated. Please check out <http://bit.ly/1ENLrEF> to find the latest documentation and information about setting up user roles and permissions for Schoolnet.

New District-to-District Sharing Feature is Now Available!

You can now designate resources in Schoolnet at the district level as "All Districts" materials and share them among all districts in NC. As schools submit teacher work through Schoolnet for district approval, districts will now have the option to make those resources available to all other districts in the state. Resources created at the school or district level can also be shared among districts. This means you will be able to showcase and share your teachers' and curriculum leaders' work, not only within your own district, but across all districts in North Carolina. This option is now available, in addition to the Submit to State option as another way NC teachers and leaders can share instructional resources statewide. We hope you will take advantage of the ability to showcase the work being done in your district and the opportunity to share with your peers.

To learn more, please view the archived video at <http://bit.ly/1zU8uO3>. Register here: <http://bit.ly/1M38Nq1>

Schoolnet Training Site

The Schoolnet training site has more meaningful data/reports to explore and review in your training efforts. Additionally, the training site offers tens of thousands of assessment items and instructional materials to support your training efforts, including these features:

- Each LEA and Charter School will have their own new unique set of teacher login accounts to use for training purposes and can access students and school leadership connected with their teacher.
- LEAs / Charter Schools will share district leadership accounts.
- You will now also have logins for additional role-specific users. LEAs/Charter School will share a pool of logins for scenario-based login accounts, e.g. School Library

Media Coordinators, ITFs, Coaches, Teachers who have permission to create benchmarks, staff or any teacher who has ability to approve assessment items, or approve instructional materials and more.

The training site will continue to be accessed at <http://bit.ly/Wb2yNC>. Then select Home Base Training District from the dropdown tab next to the “sign in with” prompt. Next, log in with your user/password.

If you are a trainer in your district or charter school, please look for an email with your new login credentials. If you have any questions, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov

We encourage you to share this Update. For past issues of Home Base Biweekly Updates, please visit [Biweekly Updates](#). To review a library of updates from 2014, go [here](#).

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To follow Home Base Alerts on Twitter, sign up [here](#).

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