

Nova Scotia Public Education System

Parent's Guide to the Student/Parent Portal

Quick Reference Guide

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The Student/Parent Portal is your gateway into the classroom of the children associated to your account. The portal is a tool which should facilitate discussion between you, your child and teachers. It is both a snapshot in time and an indicator of trends developing in your child's attendance and achievement.

If you need to set up an account, please refer to the quick reference guide on the iNSchool website called **How to Sign Up for the Parent Portal**. If you have an account, then log into the Student/Parent Portal using your confidential user name and password.

1 HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING IN

Once your account has been created, should you forget your password or username, click on the words, "Having trouble signing in?" You will be directed to a recover account screen.

1.1 FORGOT PASSWORD

Click on the **Forgot Password** tab. Enter your username and the email address that you used to setup your account. Press **Enter**.

You will receive an email confirming that you requested a password reset.

Forgot Password Email Sent

If the email address you provide is associated with an account in our records, you will receive an email with instructions for resetting your password. If you don't receive this email, please check your junk mail folder or contact the school.

Return to Sign In.

You will then receive a second email.

PowerSchool Password Reset Request

You recently requested a new password.

To reset your password, visit the link below. This link is valid for only 30 minutes.

https://sisrsb.ednet.ns.ca:443/public/recover_password.html?t=z2DSYOaM6PT1iKE0Mmr7eM000ad4b

If clicking the link above does not work, copy and paste the web site address in a new browser window instead.

If you have forgotten your username, click the "Having Trouble Signing In?" link on the sign in page and follow steps for recovering your username.

Note: Replies to this message are not monitored or answered.

1.2 FORGOT USERNAME

Click on the tab **Forgot Username**. Enter the email address that you used to setup your account. Press Enter.

You will receive the following email.

Your PowerSchool Username is [username].

To sign in, visit the link below.

https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca:443/public/recover_username.html

If clicking the link above does not work, copy and paste the web site address in a new browser window instead.

If you have forgotten your password, click the "Having Trouble Signing In?" link on the sign in page and

Note: Replies to this message are not monitored or answered.

1.3 MORE THAN ONE STUDENT ATTACHED TO YOUR ACCOUNT

If you have more than one child attached to your account, click on the child's name to view their data. The portal has a number of screens from which to choose, make your selection from the Navigation bar on the left side of the page.

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Adam Charles Cody Duncan Julia Shannon

Navigation

- In-Progress Achievement and Attendance
- Academic Achievement Provincial Assessments
- Attendance History
- Alert Solutions
- School Bulletin
- Student Schedule
- E-mail Teachers
- School Information
- Account Preferences
- View Grad Progress

In-Progress Achievement and Attendance: My Adam

Attendance by Course											Course Progress Information		
Last Week					This Week					Absences	Lates	Course	View Details By
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F				
										8	0	FRANCAIS_FRENCH LANG ARTS_PR Teacher and Room #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	MATHEMATIQUES_MATHEMATICS PR Teacher and Room #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	SCIENCES HUMAINES_SOCIAL ST PR Teacher and Room #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	EDUC A LA SANTE_HEALTH ED PR Teacher and Room #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	MUSIQUE_MUSIC PR Teacher and Room #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment

2 IN-PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTENDANCE

This is the default view when you log into the Portal. Any text in Blue is a link to more data.

In-Progress Achievement and Attendance: My Adam

Attendance by Course										Course Progress Information			
Last Week					This Week					Absences	Lates	Course	View Details By
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F				
										8	0	FRANCAIS_FRENCH LANG ARTS_PR Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	MATHEMATIQUES_MATHEMATICS PR Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	SCIENCES HUMAINES_SOCIAL ST PR Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	EDUC A LA SANTE_HEALTH ED PR Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	MUSIQUE_MUSIC PR Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Course Outcomes
										2	0	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment

Absences, lates, teacher name, Assessments and Course Outcomes are all links.

2.1 ATTENDANCE

For each of your child's courses, you have a snapshot of your child's attendance for the current and previous week. The attendance codes are described at the bottom of the page. The numbers under the Absences and Lates are links, click on them to see details about the absence or late. (Click on the In-Progress Achievement and Attendance page on the navigation panel to return to the original screen.)

2.2 VIEW DETAILS BY

Click on the word **Assessment** in the **View Details By** column to see details regarding the assessments for a course. A Details by Assessment page will open for the selected course. To view a different course click on the down arrow next to the course name. If you see a question mark icon next to a field name, click on the question mark for an explanation of what that field means. Following is an explanation of the information on this screen.

In-Progress Achievement and Attendance

Details by Assessment (MATHEMATICS 8): My Duncan

Course Information

Course	Teacher	In-Progress Mark
MATHEMATICS 8	Jackson, Rebecca Erin	IP

Assessment and Evaluation Plan

The teacher will use this space to describe what assessment will be done and how they will be evaluated

Individual Assessment Information

Display 10 records

Due Date	Category	Assessment	Mark	Comment
10/01/2014	Number and Operations	Scientific to Standard Practice 1	12/12	
09/29/2014	Number and Operations	Scientific Notation to Standard Form	9/12	
09/17/2014	Number and Operations	You Want to Be Paid in Rice Sheet 1	15/15	

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries

Legend

View Details by Assessment

- **Course** is the name of the course in which your child is enrolled.
- **Teacher** is the name of teacher teaching the course.
- **In-progress Mark** is the mark based on assessments to date. This mark will change as assessments are completed and marks assigned. *If you have any questions on how this mark is calculated, please contact the teacher.*
- **Assessment and Evaluation Plan** is information the teacher has provided to describe the method by which the students will be evaluated.
- **Individual Assessment Information** is a listing of all assessments for the course as determined by the teacher.
 - **Due Date** – the date the assessment is expected to be completed
 - **Category**- represents the organization of assessments within the course
 - **Assessment** – the name of the assessment, click on the name of the assessment to see the description of the assessment
 - **Codes**- an icon to indicate the status of the assessment, e.g. **Collected**, **Late** or **Missing**. Refer to the legend at the bottom of the screen for more details
 - **Mark**- indicates the overall mark achieved by the student for the specific assessment
 - **Comment**- hover your mouse, or click the note icon, to view the comments entered by the teacher.

The default display is 10 records per page. Use the dropdown box to increase the number of assessments displayed on the screen.

1.2.1 ASSESSMENT POPUP

While in the Details by Assessment page click on the assessment name, an Assessment Description window will open.

Individual Assessment Information					
Display 10 records					
Due Date	Category	Assessment	Codes	Mark	Comment
01/01/2014	Number and Operations	Scientific to Standard Practice 1		12/12	
9/29/2014	Number and Operations	Scientific Notation to Standard Form		9/12	
9/17/2014	Number and Operations	You Want to Be Paid in Rice Sheet 1		15/15	

Assessment Description Popup

▼ **Assessment Description:** My Duncan


Teacher			
Course	MATHEMATICS 8		
Assessment Name	Scientific Notation to Standard Form		
Description			

▼ **Outcomes Assessed**

ID	Outcome	Achievement Level
8.MTH8.O.A.3	A3 distinguish between an exact square root of a number and its decimal approximation	2
8.MTH8.O.A.4	A4 find the square root of any number, using an appropriate method	4
8.MTH8.O.A.5	A5 demonstrate and explain the meaning of negative exponents for base ten	1

▼ **Achievement Levels Legend:**

Achievement Levels	Assessment Description
4	In-depth knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Able to extend the application of the related skills
3	Competent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Appropriate application of the related skills
2	Developing knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Developing in the application of the related skills
1	Limited knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Limited application of the related skills



In the **Outcomes Assessed** section, the course outcomes associated to this assessment are listed. The teacher may assign an **Achievement Level** to indicate the degree to which students meet the outcomes.

The **Achievement Levels** are explained in a legend at the bottom of the screen.

3 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

This view in the portal will display, by year, all the courses your child has taken. This information aligns with the information that appeared on your child's report card.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:										
2014-2015	Course	Junior High	Q1	T1	S1	T2	Q3	T3	Y1	F1
14-15	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Reading and Viewing								
14-15	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Speaking and Listening								
14-15	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Writing and Other Ways of Representing								
14-15	MATHEMATICS 8	Data Management and Probability								
14-15	MATHEMATICS 8	Geometry								
14-15	MATHEMATICS 8	Measurement								
14-15	MATHEMATICS 8	Number and Operations		87						
14-15	MATHEMATICS 8	Patterns and Relations								
14-15	CORE FRENCH 8			80						
14-15	HEALTHY LIVING 8									
14-15	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8									
14-15	SCIENCE 8									
14-15	SOCIAL STUDIES 8			77						
2013-2014	Course	Junior High	Q1	T1	S1	T2	Q3	T3	Y1	F1
13-14	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7	Reading and Viewing		A _c		A _c		A _c		
13-14	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7	Speaking and Listening		A _c		A _c		A _c		
13-14	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7	Writing and Other Ways of Representing		B _c		B _c		B _c		
13-14	MATHEMATICS 7	Data Management and Probability		N/A _c		N/A _c		B _c		

- **Academic Year**- the year in which the course was taken
- **Course**- the name of the course
- **Level**- the level your child was in when the course was taken i.e., Elementary, Junior or Senior High
- **Term**- the term in which the course was taken, e.g. Quarter one (Q1), term one (T1), semester one (S1) or full year (Y1). **F1 indicates the final grade for the course.**

A small 'c' next to a grade indicates that a comment was entered associated to grade.

NOTE Please note that during reporting periods, information may not be displayed until after the report cards for the reporting period are distributed.

4 PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Nova Scotia Assessments gather information about student performance based on selected curriculum outcomes in reading, writing, and mathematics. The curriculum outcomes for each grade level and subject area can be found at <https://sapps.ednet.ns.ca/Cart>.

Evaluation Services Division at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development administers the assessments. Teachers from across the province are involved in the development and scoring of Nova Scotia Assessments.

More information about Nova Scotia Assessments can be found at <http://plans.ednet.ns.ca/nova-scotia-assessments>.

All assessments completed by your child will be listed on this page. Click on the name of the assessment to view the details.

Provincial Students Assessments: My Child

Assessment	Grade Level	Term
Mathematics in Grade 6	6	2012-2013
Reading and Writing in Grade 6	6	2012-2013

5 ATTENDANCE HISTORY

On this screen you can view attendance for the entire school year. Once again there is a legend at the bottom of the screen to help you understand the attendance codes.

6 ALERT SOLUTIONS

If Alert Solutions is enabled at your child's School Board, you can view your preferences for receiving messages from the school. Alert Solutions is an automated parent communication system. Possible communications many include school outages, absentee messages when the child is absent from school, and messages in case of emergency. There are three sections to the Alert Solutions page, click on the **Expand All** button to see all three sections.

6.1 SECTION 1

▼ Preferences By Message Type

Option	Choice
Contact me using Text Messaging.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contact me using Email.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contact me using Phone Calls.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To change your preferences, please contact the school.

Section 1, indicates how you will receive messages from the school, text, email or phone. To change any of these options, contact the school.

6.2 SECTION 2

The contact information displayed in this section reflects the contact information you provided to the school on the student registration form. If you see any missing or incorrect data, please contact the school.

▼ Preferences By Contact Field

Field	Data	Option
Home Phone	902-252-2525	Send Phone Calls <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send Text <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent 1 Home Phone	902-111-1212	Send Phone Calls <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send Text <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent 1 Cell Phone	902-229-8987	Send Phone Calls <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send Text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parent 1 Email	email address	Send Emails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6.3 SECTION 3

Section 3 lists the categories of messages that your school may send out via Alert Solutions.

▼ Preferences By Message Category

Category	Message Types to Receive
Emergency Notifications	Emergency Messages will be sent to all available contact methods
Student Bulletins	Text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance Notifications	Text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voice <input type="checkbox"/>
School Cancellation Messages	Text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Announcements	Text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voice <input type="checkbox"/>

7 SCHOOL BULLETIN

Click on the icon for **School Bulletin** to read the bulletin for the day. You have the option to read today's bulletin or click on the calendar icon to view bulletins for other dates.

View School Bulletin ✕

Baddeck Academy Bulletin for Monday, January 26, 2015

Parent Appreciation Day

We would like to invite all parents to attend our Parent Appreciation event.

View other dates:

8 STUDENT SCHEDULE

To view your child's schedule for the week click on **Student Schedule**. This page displays the class your child is in, with whom and what time.

Current Week Schedule: My Adam

	Monday 01/26/2015	Tuesday 01/27/2015	Wednesday 01/28/2015	Thursday 01/29/2015	Friday 01/30/2015
	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM 0 08:50 AM - 08:55 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM 0 08:50 AM - 08:55 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM 0 08:50 AM - 08:55 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM 0 08:50 AM - 08:55 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY AM 0 08:50 AM - 08:55 AM
	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY PM 0 08:55 AM - 09:00 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY PM 0 08:55 AM - 09:00 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY PM 0 08:55 AM - 09:00 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY PM 0 08:55 AM - 09:00 AM	HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE ONLY PM 0 08:55 AM - 09:00 AM
09:00 AM	EDUCATION PHYSIQUE_PHYS ED PR 0 09:00 AM - 09:45 AM	EDUC A LA SANTE_HEALTH ED PR I 0 09:00 AM - 09:30 AM EDUCATION PHYSIQUE_PHYS ED	FRANCAIS_FRENCH LANG ARTS_PR 0 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	FRANCAIS_FRENCH LANG ARTS_PR 0 09:00 AM - 09:45 AM	FRANCAIS_FRENCH LANG ARTS_PR 0 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

9 E-MAIL TEACHERS

From this screen you select the teacher or teachers you wish to communicate with.

- Put a check next to the name of the teacher(s). You can use the **Check All** or **Uncheck All** buttons to manage your list.
- Once the teachers are selected, click on the box **create email list**, this creates a list of all the emails in the text box at the bottom of the screen.
- Copy the list in the box and paste it into the email program that you use regularly.
- From your email program, create and send your message.

E-mail Student's Teachers

Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room	E-mail
13-14	SC17-1	SCIENCE 7		102	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	FR7-1	CORE FRENCH 7		101	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	HLV7-1	HEALTHY LIVING 7	Teacher's names	105	Teacher's email addresses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	MTH7-1	MATHEMATICS 7		104	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	ENG7-1	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7		105	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	SOCST7-1	SOCIAL STUDIES 7		104	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13-14	PHE7-1	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7		Gym	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Copy the contents of this text area into your favourite e-mail program

Teacher1@school.ca
Teacher2@school.ca

Copy this list of email addresses

10 SCHOOL INFORMATION

This screen displays the contact information for your child's school, including name, school address, phone and fax numbers and a map, if available.

11 ACCOUNT PREFERENCES

There are two tabs on this screen, a **Profile tab** and a **Students Tab**.

11.1 PROFILE TAB

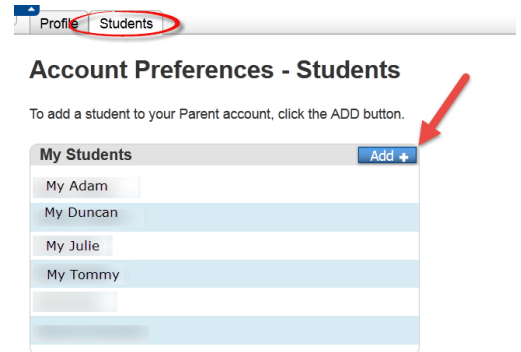
This screen allows you to edit your name, e-mail address, username and password. To edit your username or password you must first click on the pencil icon. Please note that the password must follow the security rules as outlined on the page.

Once you enter data you can either Cancel or Save your changes.

11.2 STUDENT TAB

This screen displays all the children you have associated to your account. You may add additional children to the account by clicking on **ADD**.

Your child's school will provide an **Access ID** and **Access Password**; these codes are required to add a new child to your account.



12 VIEW GRAD PROGRESS

The Graduation Progress page is a snapshot of a student's progress toward acquiring the credits needed for graduation. You will be presented with a 'real time' view of the graduation progress for each child in grades 10-12 that you have associated with your account.

You are encouraged to discuss the information on this page with your school's guidance counselor or principal.

View Grad Progress: My Tommy

Graduation Eligibility Notes:

Graduation Contracts						
Subject Group	Earned	Enrolled	Requested	Required	Progress	
• Diploma - NS Adult HS Diploma (English)	8		4	12	<div style="width: 33%;"></div>	
• Compulsory Credits	3		3	6	<div style="width: 50%;"></div>	
• English/French Language Arts or Communications (Grade 11 and 12)	1		1	2	<div style="width: 50%;"></div>	
ENGLISH 11 (ENG11)	1	ENGLISH 12 (ENG12)	1			
• Math (Grade 11 or 12)	1			1	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	✓
ADVANCED MATHEMATICS 11 (MTH11AD)	1					
• Biology, Chemistry or Physics (Grade 11 or 12)	1			1	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	✓
BIOLOGY 11 (BIOL11)	1					