New Features in PowerSchool 6.2

PowerSchool 6.2 includes a number of new features designed to further enhance the overall usability of the system and improve end-user adoption.

Included with this release of PowerSchool:

- PowerTeacher 2.0 with full support for standards

- Mobile Web Pages for administrators and teachers

- Single Sign-On for parents with multiple students, plus automated password recovery for parents

- A new Graduation Planner

- ReportWorks 1.2

- Attendance Tracking & Notification

PowerTeacher 2.0

PowerTeacher 2.0 provides the latest technology for true standards-based grading. Endorsed by grading expert Ken O'Connor, PowerTeacher 2.0 combines rich standards functionality with many quick-entry features for teachers. The design ensures teachers can work quickly and efficiently, while taking advantage of best practices in standards-based grading across all types of assignments.

Key features include:

- Associating any number of standards to an assignment

- Quick score entry using the new standards drawer

- New Student View mode on the Scoresheet, allowing teachers to review all scores and determine final standards grades

- Automatic calculation of standards final grades based on a choice of sophisticated grading measures

- Key enhancements such as the inclusion of student photos, quick launch button, a preference to hide students not yet enrolled, performance improvements, and more!

A full list of new features available in PowerTeacher 2.0 is available on **PowerSource**.

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PowerTeacher 2.0 Key Feature Overview

Feature	Description
Associate standards to an assignment	Teachers select which standards are assessed on each assignment on the Assignment Detail window.
New standards drawer for quick score entry	Any assignment with associated standards displays a quick entry drawer, allowing easy access for score entry, without taking room on the scoresheet. An indicator alerts teachers if any scores are missing.
New Student View on the Scoresheet	Provides teachers with a concise look at all of a student's assignment and standard scores, course grades, and standards final grades, across all reporting terms. Designed for analyzing a student's performance, reviewing the calculated standards grades, and making final grades determinations. It also presents an aggregated view of performance for any selection of students, or for the entire class.
Automatic calculation of standards final grades	A variety of powerful calculation methods are now available. Districts, schools and teachers select the preferred grading methodology by which the standards final grades are automatically calculated. Teachers view the data from all of the grading methods, and can override the default calculation if needed.
Quick Entry features for teachers	New quick entry features include: Quick Fill, copy/paste scores in every column, the grade selector in every score field, and the traditional Fill Scores feature added to all new Scoresheet modes.
New Standards Report, with three layouts	The new standards report has three layouts that allow users to easily report on any/all standards data.
Performance improvements	Performance improvements are specifically designed to optimize saving standards final grades, loading the Scoresheet, and help gradebooks with large amounts of data to load faster.
Support for numeric scales for all standards scores and final grades (ex. 1-4 scale)	Support for standard scores and standards final grades using a numeric scale (ex. 1-4, 1-7, etc). These scales are defined in the SIS and associated to specific standards.
General features and fixes: student photos, quick launch, and more!	Student photos now display in PowerTeacher. The quick launch button allows teachers to launch the gradebook directly from PowerTeacher Portal. Other general features include a preference to hide and show pre-enrolled students, performance enhancements, and report fixes.

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Mobile Web Pages

Mobile Web Pages is a new way for teachers and administrators to access PowerSchool using the iPhone™, iPad™, iPod Touch™, and Android™ OS mobile devices Simply navigating to the normal PowerSchool login through the device's browser will allow PowerSchool to detect that a mobile device is being used and present pages that are tailored to the smaller screens. Mobile Web Pages includes rich functionality such as the ability to view comprehensive student information including grades and schedules, as well as viewing and recording attendance.

The following table contains the list of new features for Mobile Web Pages.

Feature	Description
Web delivered	A Web-based component of PowerSchool, but with the look and feel of a client application.
PowerSchool, PowerTeacher and PowerTeacher Substitute pages	Web access to key administrator and teacher functions, including substitute teacher.
Attendance count and lunch count	Record attendance and lunch counts through mobile devices.
Student rosters	Designed to show additional relevant information to avoid excessive "drill-down." For example, a teacher's roster listing includes the student photo along with the student's current grade and attendance totals.
Current selection	Selecting a group of students makes that group the current selection, allowing easier navigation through "Previous/Next" buttons.
Mobile Settings page	School-based control panel to disable any of the mobile portals and hide other content such as photos, bus routes and lunch counts. In addition, the mobile pages can be disabled for an individual user.
Security considerations	User access is based on the assigned group's security access to the regular PowerSchool screens.
Smart links	Tapping on telephone, email or address information links directly to the appropriate smartphone application.
Breakout mode	Users can choose to exit to the full PowerSchool or PowerTeacher application.

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Parent Single Sign-On

Parent Single Sign-On enhances the Parent Portal by providing parents with the ability to access all of their students' records with a single login account. Parents can maintain their account preferences, email preferences, and can retrieve account login information.

Additionally, the centralized Parent/Guardian account module is now available in PowerSchool, serving as a gateway for managing parent/guardian accounts. This introduces the parent as a separate entity in PowerSchool for the first time, and provides a solid foundation for expanded parent/guardian functionality.

The following table contains the list of new features for Parent Single Sign-On.

Feature	Description
Single login account	Parents can access all of their students' records with a single login account. Parents may establish their own account, provided they have the access credentials for at least one student. Administrators can also establish accounts on behalf of parents in PowerSchool.
Personalized account	Parents have their own account. This allows each parent to maintain his or her own account and email notification preferences without impacting any other parent who has access to the same student records. Administrators also have the ability to maintain this information in PowerSchool.
Account management	Parents maintain their own information, including name, email address, user name, and password. Administrators also have the ability to maintain this information in PowerSchool.
Email notification preferences	Parents can maintain email notification preferences for each student. They can easily set up the notification preferences for one student and copy these setting to all students, or they can customize the email preferences for each student they have access to.
Auto-recovery of login information	Parents can recover their login information if they forget their user name and/or password. This functionality is available only for parents.
"Go-Live" indicator	Districts control when to make the Parent Single Sign-On functionality available via the PowerSchool Parent Portal login. Prior to enabling Parent Single Sign-On, parents continue to access the Parent Portal as before. Districts will see changes in PowerSchool, allowing them time to train educate staff and parents.
Centralized Parent/Guardian module	Administrators can manage parent/guardian accounts from a central location within PowerSchool.
Centralized Access Accounts management	A new Student page entitled Access Accounts allows administrators to manage access to the students' academic records via the PowerSchool Parent Portal from a single page in PowerSchool.
Net Access report enhancement	The Net Access report is now enhanced to list each parent who has accessed the student's record. Additionally, the IP address from which the student's record was accessed displays on the report.
Parent Access Statistics report	The Progress Reports formulas on the Parent Access Statistics report are re-factored to account for the multiple parents to multiple students ratio.

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Graduation Planner

With the introduction of Graduation Planner, PowerSchool now provides a more robust tool for planning a student's academic career, tracking and reporting on their progress, and evaluating graduation readiness.

The following table contains the list of new features for Graduation Planner.

Feature	Description
Create Graduation Plans	Create Graduation Plans to asses student progress toward graduation and additional requirements.
Edit Graduation Plans	Edit Graduation Plan names and association with Post-Secondary requirements, and delete unused Graduation Plans.
Version Graduation Plans	Create different versions of Graduation Plans for different years.
Edit Graduation Plan versions	Edit the years and version names within a Graduation Plan.
Edit Graduation Plan requirements	Change the course, credit type or number of credits tied to different requirements of a Graduation Plan.
Set options for presuming complete	Indicate the number of days before or after the end of enrollment that you want the course prerequisite rule evaluator to presume completion and graduation plans to include the in progress enrollment.
Manage credit assignments strategy in the Graduation Plan	Select courses from a user-defined list, and set the order of the course priority towards a requirement.
Convert Graduation Sets into Graduation Plans	Convert previously created Graduation Sets into the new Graduation Plan framework.
Select Graduation Plans for individual student	Select one or multiple Graduation Plans for individual students.
Select Graduation Plans for multiple students	Select one or multiple Graduation Plans for multiple students. Unused Graduation Plans can also be removed for multiple students through Student Group functions.
View student Graduation Plan progress	View student Graduation Plan progress for multiple plans in PowerSchool.
Search for students with Graduation Plans	Search and select all students tied to specific Graduation Plans from the Graduation Planner setup page or through the Student Search field on the PowerSchool Start page.
View graduation progress report	View graduation progress for plans associated with students.
View graduation progress summary	View a summary of Graduation progress for one or more requirements and for one or more students.
View student Graduation Plan progress in	View student Graduation Plan progress for multiple plans in the PowerTeacher Portal.

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Feature	Description
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View student Graduation Plan progress in PowerSchool Parent Portal	View student Graduation Plan progress for multiple plans in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The display of Graduation Plan progress can be configured to hide or display on the Public Portal.

ReportWorks 1.2

ReportWorks 1.2 introduces the "Student: Basic + Health" data set. This data set allows for reporting on student immunization, health office visit, health screening, and grade level entry certification information contained in PowerSchool. The objects within this new data set leverage health-related security settings in PowerSchool to ensure that users developing and running health reports only see data to which they have access.

The following table contains a complete list of features and enhancements in ReportWorks 1.2.

Feature	Description
"Student: Basic + Health" data set	A dataset and associated runtime options that allow for reporting on student health-related information, including immunizations, health office visits, health screenings, and grade level entry certifications.
Health Screenings template	A template that uses the "Student: Basic + Health" data set to produce a list of health screening record details by student
Health Office Visits template	A template that uses the "Student: Basic + Health" data set to produce a list of health office visit record details by student.
Aggregate Immunization Summary template	A template that uses the "Student: Basic + Health" data set to produce a matrix of immunization compliance/noncompliance counts, by vaccine, for a group of students.

Attendance Tracking and Notification

Attendance Tracking and Notification can be used in combination with the basic PowerSchool attendance setup. The additional setup elements allow for tracking of truant attendance using a combination of thresholds and triggers. Each time a student meets or exceeds a specific threshold, a notification record is created in the PowerSchool database.

Feature	Description
Track unexcused absences	Using basic PowerSchool attendance, you can report the total number of unexcused absences for a student for particular period of time.
Define number of instances (tardy and/or absence) per category for reporting	Report when the student reaches a defined number of absences and/or tardies (thresholds) for multiple instances (triggers). For example, you may track the first time the student reaches five unexcused absences, as well as the second time (ten absences) and third time (fifteen absences).
Attendance letters	Use notification records to print attendance letters for students with have met defined thresholds.