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# **PowerSchool for Beginners**

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# Introduction

The purpose of this manual is to help new PowerSchool Admins and PowerSchool Data Entry Clerks to operate and perform daily task in PowerSchool. PowerSchool is the Student Information System (SIS) that is used throughout the state of South Carolina PowerSchool and the only source used by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) for student data collection.

# **Objectives**

This manual will guide users on how to log into PowerSchool and perform basic or advanced student search. Also, users will learn how to navigate the start page, student page and other pages within PowerSchool. Some other basic functions that will be discussed in this manual are customize preferences, changing password and printing of reports.

# PowerSchool URLs

https://[district domain name]/admin/pw.html

Staff will log into this portal and perform any task pertaining to their position permissions.

#### https://[district domain name]/teachers/pw.html

Teacher will log into PowerTeacher / PowerTeacher Pro to enter in daily attendance, enter grades in the gradebook, etc.

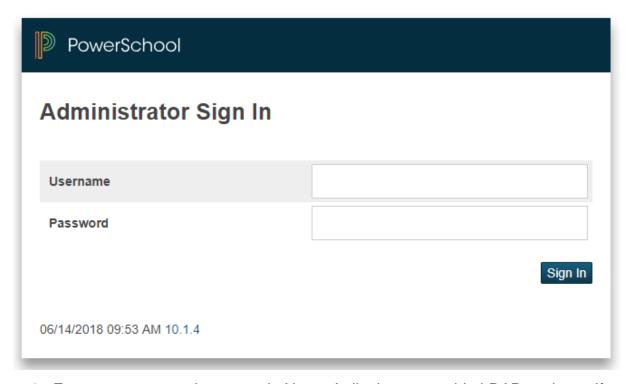
## https://[district domain name]/public/

Parents or students can log into this public site and view grades, assignments, attendance, and school information.

# Logging into PowerSchool

Before you can log into any of the PowerSchool portals, you must have a username and password created. Follow district policy to have a username and password created. Do not share password.

- 1. Open supported browser.
- 2. Enter the districts URL in the address box of the browser, then click enter on your keyboard.
- 3. PowerSchool login page will appear.



- 4. Enter username and password. Note: A district can enable LDAP settings. If the district has enabled LDAP, use those login credentials.
- 5. The date, time and PowerSchool version number display at the bottom of login box.
- 6. Click the version number and a pop-up will appear. The pop-up displays:
  - Version: PowerSchool version number
  - State/Provincial: Current State Reporting version
  - PowerTeacher Gradebook: PowerTeacher version
  - Machine Uptime: Local device uptime
  - PS Server Uptime

LDAP: "Enabled" or "Disabled"

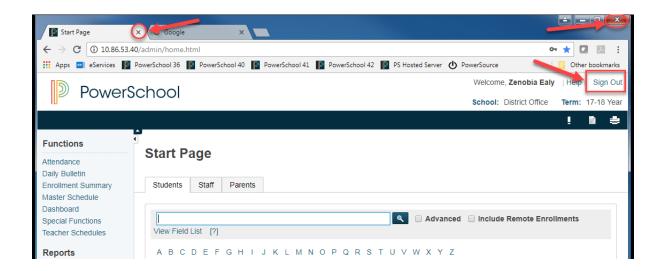
**Note:** Some login pages will have an option to "Select Language". This option must be enabled by your district PS Administrator. When a language is selected it will translate the system into that language.

**Note:** There is no reset password link. If you forget your password or for some reason cannot log into PowerSchool follow your district procedures or contact your district PS Administrator. Districts will designate personnel that can reset passwords or provide user login information.

# Sign Out of PowerSchool

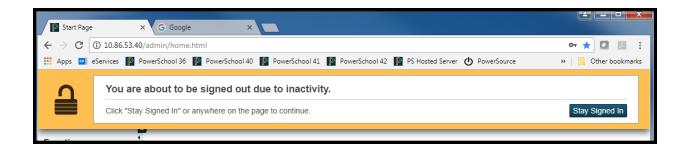
When you have completed your task or must step away from the computer always sign out of the PowerSchool application.

- "Sign Out" link is in the upper right-hand corner of page.
- Close/Exit out of browser tab or the browser itself.

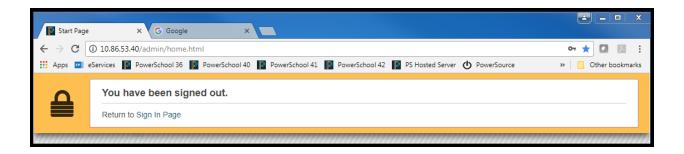


## Session Time Out

Districts can enable PowerSchool to time out if a session has been idle for a set number of minutes. Before PowerSchool times out a message prompt will display a "Stay Signed In" button. User can click the button to stay logged into PowerSchool or they can let the time expire and PowerSchool will sign out.



If PowerSchool times out a message will display with a "Sign In Page" link. To log back into PowerSchool just click on the "Sign In Page" link and enter login information (username & password) again.



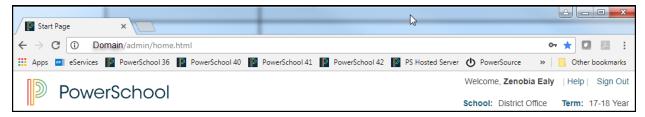
# Start Page

PowerSchool start page is separated into several sections, which we will be discussing in this section of the manual.

## **Header Section**

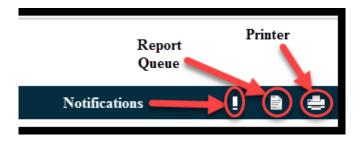
- **PowerSchool** (upper left corner of page): If visible click and no matter what page the user is on at that time they will return to the start page.
- **Welcome**, (user name displays): The first and last name of this user account will display. Note: If the name that is displaying is not your name, contact either the district or school PS Admin.
- **Help**: Click to access PowerSchool online help.
- **Sign Out**: Click to sign out of PowerSchool. This is recommended once a task has been completed or every time you walk away from your computer.

- **School**: The name of your default school (or district) appears. If you have access to more than one school in your district, you can click the drop-down to choose another school. Note: Before starting a task in PowerSchool verify that the correct school/district is selected and displaying.
- Term: By default, the term appears when the server date falls within a scheduling term designated at the district level. Note: If the server date does not fall within a scheduling term, the term defaults to the Default Term When Between School Years setting.



# **Navigation Bar**

- A. **Exclamation icon**: If the selected school has any notifications for the user requiring attention, the number of notifications appears next to the exclamation icon. Click the exclamation icon to display message on the Notification pop-up. By default, if there are no notifications and you click the exclamation icon it will display the last sign in date and time.
- B. Paper with Lines icon: This icon will take you directly to the report queue. The report queue will list reports that have been ran under the user account. The report queue will list all reports, including pending, running, completed, and canceled reports. If any of the reports are currently running, the piece of paper button displays animated writing.
- C. **Printer icon**: Clicking this icon allows for a printer-friendly version of the page to be printed.



**Note:** As you navigate through the application, the breadcrumbs will appear at the top of a page in the Navigation Bar, which provide "breadcrumb" links back to each previous

page. Click any of the breadcrumb links to access a page that was previously navigated too.



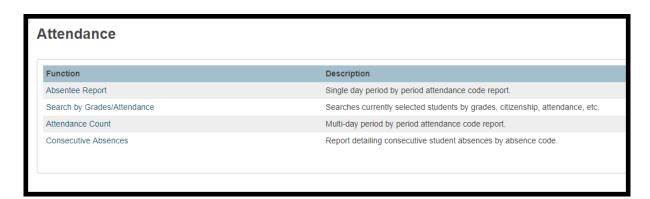
## Left Menu Bar

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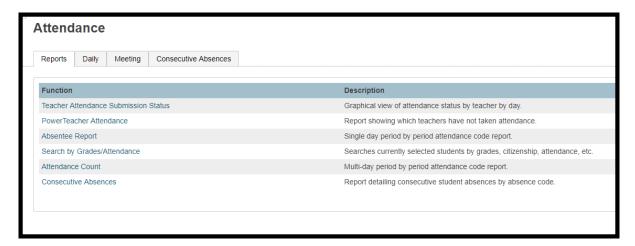
- 1. Functions
- 2. Reports
- 3. People
- 4. Setup
- 5. Applications

## **Function**

 Attendance: Run a variety of attendance functions and reports. Note: Functions and reports vary between district office or school.

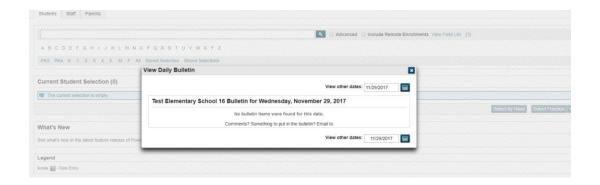


Reports and functions displayed at district office.



Reports and functions displayed at school.

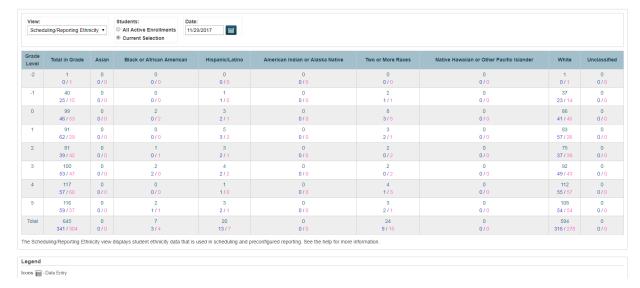
 Daily Bulletin: The daily bulletin is used to provide information to parents, students, teachers and staff about general school or district information; which could include report card distribution, general assembly, sporting events, fundraising activities, parent nights, etc.



• **Enrollment Summary**: A report that gives a daily breakdown of active students by grade level and gender.



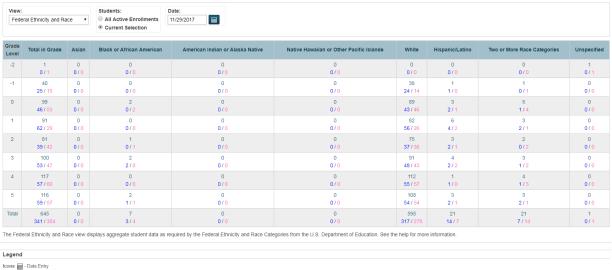
Test Elementary School 16



#### Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity

# Enrollment Summary: Federal Ethnicity and Race Report as of 11/29/2017 (A)

Test Elementary School 16



Federal Ethnicity and Race

 Master Schedule: This page displays all the teacher sections in either a Matrix View or List View. The matrix view provides links to the course/section to view the setup and to the class enrollment to view students. The list view lists pertinent course/section information with no links. Note: The first time you access the master schedule, you must set your master schedule preferences.

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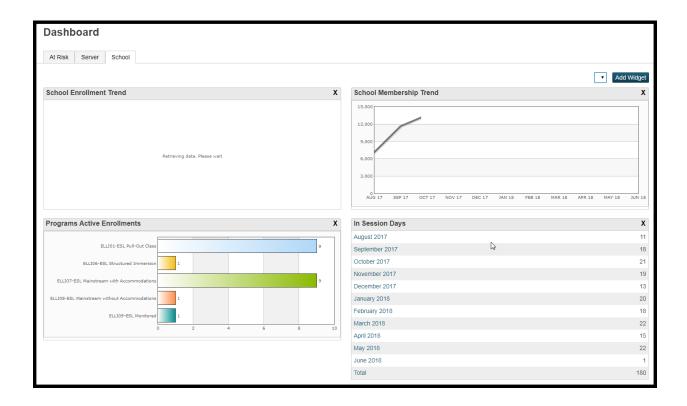
#### Matrix View

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Number. Section	Course Name	Expression	Term	Teacher Name	Teacher Dept.	Room	Students	Max Seats
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15011000.2	1st Art	9(B)	16-17	Visick, Ausia Blaise		80	17	30
15011000.3	1st Art	9(D)	16-17	Visick, Ausia Blaise		77	17	60
15011000.4	1st Art	9(A)	16-17	Visick, Ausia Blaise		71	17	30
15011000.5	1st Art	9(E)	16-17	Visick, Ausia Blaise		46	16	30
17011000.1	1st Computer Lab	9(D)	16-17	Wilshire, Emani Daneille		11	18	30
17011000.2	1st Computer Lab	9(C)	16-17	Wilshire, Emani Daneille		54	17	30
17011000.3	1st Computer Lab	9(E)	16-17	Wilshire, Emani Daneille		79	17	60
17011000.4	1st Computer Lab	9(B)	16-17	Wilshire, Emani Daneille		42	17	30
17011000.5	1st Computer Lab	9(A)	16-17	Wilshire, Emani Daneille		5	16	30
10011000.1	1st ELA	3(A-E)	16-17	Chat, Avienne Shrita		42	18	30
10011000.2	1st ELA	3(A-E)	16-17	Hassent, Jeanita Arquilla		77	17	30
10011000.3	1st ELA	3(A-E)	16-17	Itzkovwitch, Josen Bryana		18	17	30
10011000.4	1st ELA	3(A-E)	16-17	Blasoni, Matin Sylvain		50	17	30
10011000.5	1st ELA	3(A-E)	16-17	Debling, Raeniyah Evin		47	16	30
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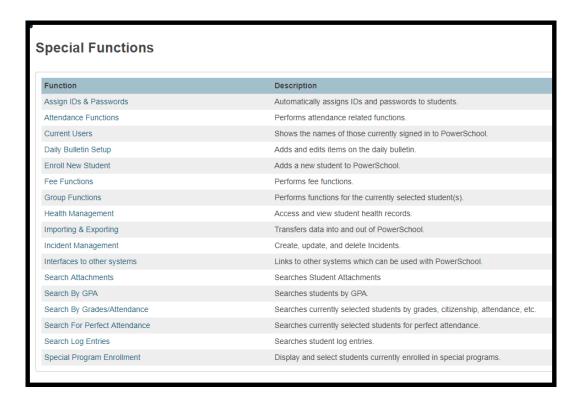
List View

• **Dashboard**: This page provides a brief broad range of data in a graphical and easy to understand format. Users can customize the dashboard to meet there needs by

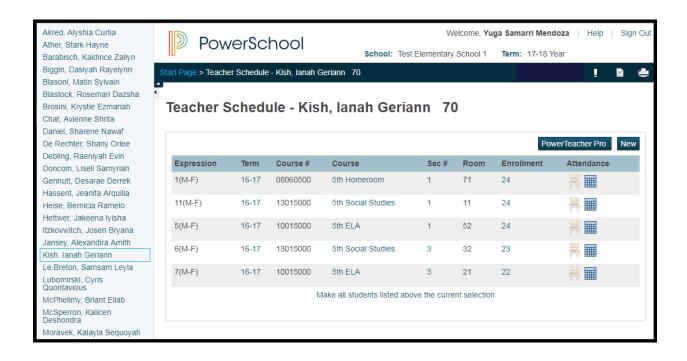
adding or removing charts and widgets. Note: Depending on your system configurations, two or three tabs may appear on your dashboard.



• **Special Functions**: Special Functions menu allows user to perform a variety of specialized procedures. Not every user will have access to this page, which is determined by security permissions.

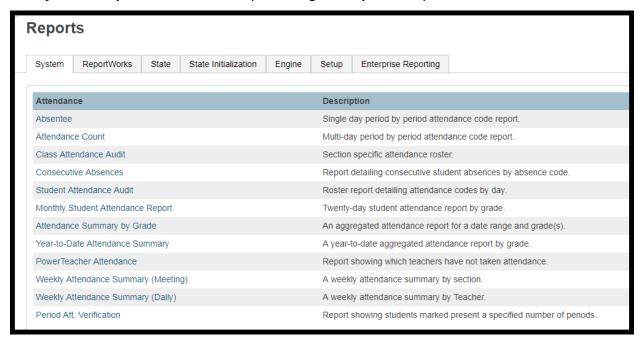


 Teacher Schedules: A list of teachers that have been enrolled at the school. After selecting a teacher, you can view their current sections for the school year.

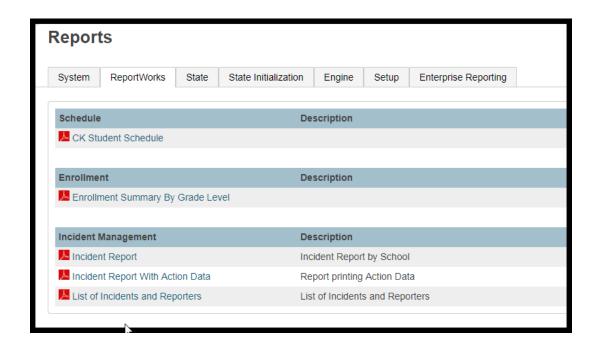


#### Reports

• System Reports: List several preconfigured system reports.



ReportWorks: List any report created and published in ReportWorks Developer.
 Note: To view reports on the ReportWorks tab, when reports are created it must be published at the user school and security group.



## **People**

- Student Search: Search for students.
- Staff Search: Search for staff (teachers, administrators, etc.).
- Parent Search: Search for parents.
- Enroll New Student: This is where you would go to enroll a new student in school.
- New Staff Entry: This is where you would go to enter a new teacher in school.
- New Parent Entry: Create an account for Parent Portal.

#### Setup

- District (District Office level): This is where you would go to set up, add, or edit
  district information. Information entered here will affect the entire district. Not
  every user will have access to this page, which is determined by security
  permissions.
- **School** (School level): This is where you would go to set up and edit school information. Information entered, or setup here will affect the school. Not every user will have access to this page, which is determined by security permissions.
- **System:** The System Administrator menu allows users to perform a variety of setup and system maintenance procedures. Information that is entered or setup here will affect the entire district or/and school. Not every user will have access to this page, which is determined by security permissions.
- Personalize: This is where a user can customize PowerSchool to meet their needs and preferences. Also, this is where a user can change their password.

Personalize - Mendoza, Yuga Samarri						
Function	Description					
Change password	Change current password to a new one.					
Default sign in page	Sets the default sign in page.					
Initial student screen	Sets the initial student screen.					
Interface	Sets interface options.					

## **Applications**

- PowerLunch: This is a management system in PowerSchool that helps monitor meals sold as well as student account balances and transactions.
- **PowerScheduler**: This is an automated system that will allow districts to set up student schedules for the upcoming school year. Prepare, build, load and commit your master schedule using PowerScheduler.
- **PS Administrator**: PowerSchool Administrator is an application that help users monitor and maintain the PowerSchool system, custom pages and servers. Not every user will have access to this page, which is determined by security permissions. Note: There is a generic username and password that should be disabled and deleted for security purpose immediately.
- PT Administrator: PowerTeacher Administrator allows users read only access to teacher's PowerTeacher gradebooks at their assigned schools. Note: PowerTeacher Pro does not use PT Administrator.
- ReportWorks Developer: This application in PowerSchool allows for custom ReportWorks reports to be created, developed and published.

# Main Page

#### Search

- Students [tab]: Search the database for individual student or group of students.
- Staff [tab]: Search the database for individual staff/teachers or group of staff/teachers.
- Parent [tab]: Search the database for individual parent or group of parents.
- Advanced [check box]: Checking this box will allow a narrower search from the initial search.
- **Include Remote Enrollment** [check box]: Checking this box will include student that are remote enrolled at another school in the district.
- **View Field List**: Displays a list of all the PowerSchool fields that can be used to perform a student search.
- Browse for Students by:
  - 1. First Alphabet of Last Name
  - 2. Grade Level
  - 3. Gender
  - 4. All
- Stored Searches: Store frequently used search commands.
- Stored Selections: Store group of students or staff that will be frequently used.
- **Current Student Selection**: All those that meet the search criteria will appear in this window.
- **Select By Hand**: After student's appear in the Current Student Selection window; Select by hand will allow you to select or de-select students from the selection.

• **Select Functions**: List group functions.