



PowerSchool

Parents are Invited to Participate in Giles County Public Schools' Parent Portal



What is the Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a feature of PowerSchool, the district's new electronic student management system where we collect and store student information. The Parent Portal gives parents access to information about their children. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians sign in from Giles County Public Schools' Parent Portal login screen. No special software is needed. All you need is a computer with Internet access and your own user information. A username and password will be provided to you by the school district after you have read, signed and returned the enclosed "School Copy" of the PowerSchool Acceptable Use Agreement form (please retain the "Parent Copy" for your file). You may use your home computer, a computer at a public library or anywhere that you have Internet access.

Why Visit the Parent Portal

PowerSchool's Parent Portal gives parents access to real-time information including attendance, grades, detailed assignment descriptions and teacher comments. Everyone stays connected.

Using the Parent Portal

You will need to have access to the Internet and you will need to use a confidential ID and password that we will provide to you after we have received a completed "PowerSchool Acceptable Use Agreement" form (enclosed).

Once you are logged into the Parent Portal, you will have access to the above mentioned real-time information.

What Do I Do to Get Started

Read, sign and return the enclosed "School Copy" of the Acceptable User Agreement form to your child's school as soon as possible (keep the Parent Copy for your own records). You will be emailed an access ID, password and instructions on how to create a parent access account. Once you receive the access ID and password, the Portal will be open and available for you to create your parent account and to begin logging in to view your child's attendance, grades and more.

We believe that the Parent Portal will be a useful way for you to follow the progress of your student(s). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

User accounts continue from one school year into the next. Accounts do not expire. Parents do NOT need to complete a new form each school year, unless a new child is entering the school.

PowerSchool Acceptable Use Agreement

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As a condition of using PowerSchool, I understand that I am agreeing to follow these guidelines:

1. For concerns regarding your child's grades, please adhere to this protocol in the order listed:
 - a. Speak with your child.
 - b. Have your child talk to their teacher for clarification.
 - c. Parent/guardian may send an email or call the teacher and expect a response as soon as the teacher is reasonably able to respond.
 - d. Parent/guardian may request a meeting with the teacher.
 - e. After all of the above, a parent may contact school administration by phone or email.
2. Username and passwords are to be kept confidential.
3. The District accepts no responsibility in the event the username/password is shared, given, stolen, or in any other way becomes in the possession of a person other than your or your student.
4. The District does not provide technical support for your home and/or work computer system.

Acceptable Use Agreement:

1. I understand that the District is providing access to my student's academic information through PowerSchool as a privilege, and if it is abused, my account and access may be suspended and/or terminated. The following are considered abuses, although this is not an exhaustive list of the kinds of conduct that could result in termination of the privilege:
 - a. Disregard for the protocol for concerns regarding your child's grades found in the "As a Condition of Using PowerSchool" section of this Agreement (above);
 - b. Using obscene language;
 - c. Harassing, insulting or attacking others; and
 - d. Violation of other relevant District policies and procedures.
2. **I understand that the District is not liable for any damages to my personal equipment incurred when connected or as a result of my connection or efforts to connect to PowerSchool.**
3. I understand that the security of data transmitted through the internet using PowerSchool cannot be guaranteed, although PowerSchool utilizes security protocols.
4. In consideration of using the District's network and having access to my child's grades and attendance through PowerSchool, I hereby release the District and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claims and damages from my use or inability to use the system.
5. I am aware that, at times, the information in PowerSchool may be incorrect and I should follow the protocol listed in "As a Condition of Using PowerSchool" to address such concerns. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in this matter. Nothing in this provision, however, is intended to waive a parent's or student's rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to seek the correction of errors in official school records.
6. I understand that my student's school(s) will continue to send report cards home at the end of each nine weeks.

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School: _____ Student Name: _____

1. Parent/Guardian Name (Print Clearly): _____ Date: _____
Signature _____ Email: _____
2. Parent/Guardian Name (Print Clearly): _____ Date: _____
Signature _____ Email: _____
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