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Newtown Public Schools

Parent Acceptable Use Agreement for PowerSchool Parent Portal

In 2009, the Newtown Public Schools implemented a new student information system database known as PowerSchool. One feature of PowerSchool is a student/parent access portal. We are pleased to be able to open the access portal to Newtown families to view their student's schedule, grades and attendance.

Due to the limitations of PowerSchool there will be one user name and password for each student. This username and password needs to be used by all parents and legal guardians. You may however, enter multiple email addresses for attendance and grade email alerts by separating each address with a comma. Student will also have access with a separate username and password.

This document contains the parent/guardian Acceptable Use Guidelines for the Newtown School District's PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please read this letter carefully.

As a condition of using PowerSchool, I understand that I am agreeing to the following:

1. Only one unique username and password will be issued per family per student. Username and passwords are to be kept confidential. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for their individual account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to access it. Under no condition should parent(s)/guardian(s) provide their password to another person.
2. It is your responsibility to determine which parent(s) or guardian(s) will be able to access records.
3. Teachers will update information in a reasonable and timely fashion according to the type of assignment. Therefore, information viewed may not be current.
4. Grade concerns should be addressed with the specific teacher.
5. Calculated course percentages and grades may seem low or high at the beginning of a quarter. Grade averages in the early part of a term can fluctuate greatly when even a minor assignment is graded. As more assignments are scored, the calculated grades will normally be closer to the final grade. Several missing assignments, quarter projects or test grades may significantly affect the quarter grade. The information made available to you through the system should not be considered a substitute for a dialog with your child's teacher.
6. Different classes may use different factoring methods to weigh assignment scores. Therefore, the current percentage and grade may not be equivalent to the average of all scores reported.
7. Attendance concerns should be addressed to the school's attendance office.
8. If you forget your username and/or password, you must come to the school with your photo ID to be given a new one.

Additionally:

1. I understand that the school district is providing this access as a privilege, and if abused, it could be revoked at any time without notice.
2. I realize that the Newtown School District is not liable for any damages to my personal equipment incurred when connected to the PowerSchool System.
3. I hereby release the Newtown School District and its officers, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use or inability to use the system.
4. I am aware that, at times, the information in the PowerSchool System may be incorrect and I should notify the appropriate individual regarding corrections.
5. I am aware that at times the system may be unavailable due to maintenance.
6. As a parent or guardian, I understand that this access is designed for the support of my child's education.