PowerSchool Parent Portal

Users Guide

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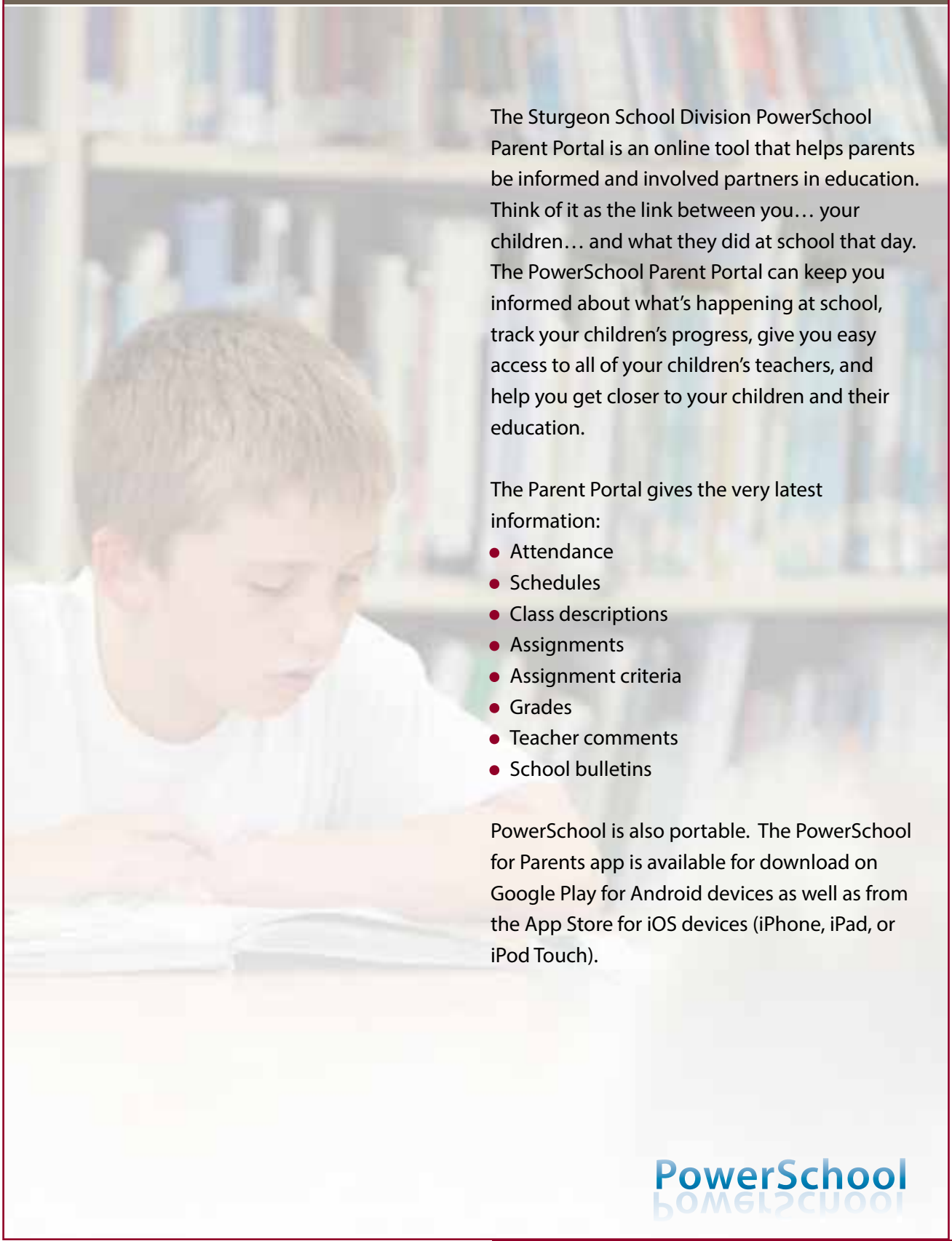
Overview



The Sturgeon School Division PowerSchool Parent Portal is an online tool that helps parents be informed and involved partners in education. Think of it as the link between you… your children… and what they did at school that day. The PowerSchool Parent Portal can keep you informed about what's happening at school, track your children's progress, give you easy access to all of your children's teachers, and help you get closer to your children and their education.

The Parent Portal gives the very latest information:

- Attendance
- Schedules
- Class descriptions
- Assignments
- Assignment criteria
- Grades
- Teacher comments
- School bulletins

PowerSchool is also portable. The PowerSchool for Parents app is available for download on Google Play for Android devices as well as from the App Store for iOS devices (iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch).

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Create a PowerSchool Parent Account

To create your parent account, open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) and type pschool.sturgeon.ab.ca/public into the address bar at the top of the screen.

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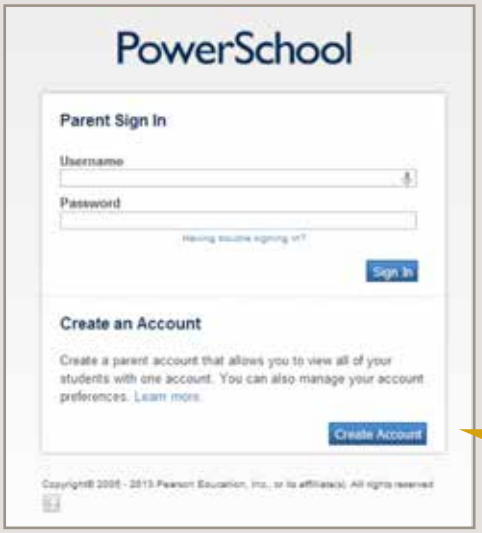

Click Create Account

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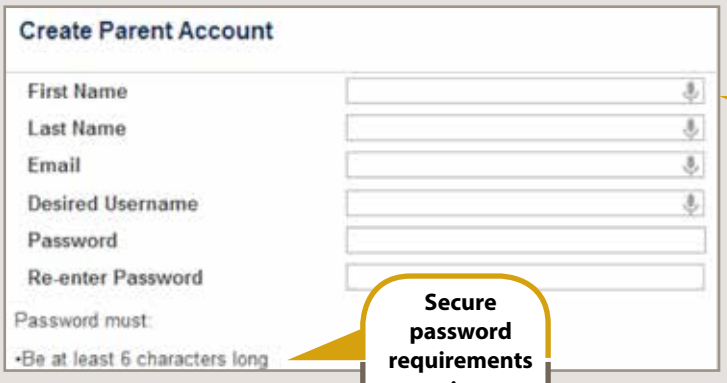

Parents are required to enter:
- First Name
- Last Name
- Primary email address

Secure password requirements in PowerSchool

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Create a PowerSchool Parent Account

Link Children to your PowerSchool Parent Account

Using the information provided by your child's school, complete the required information to add your children to your PowerSchool account.

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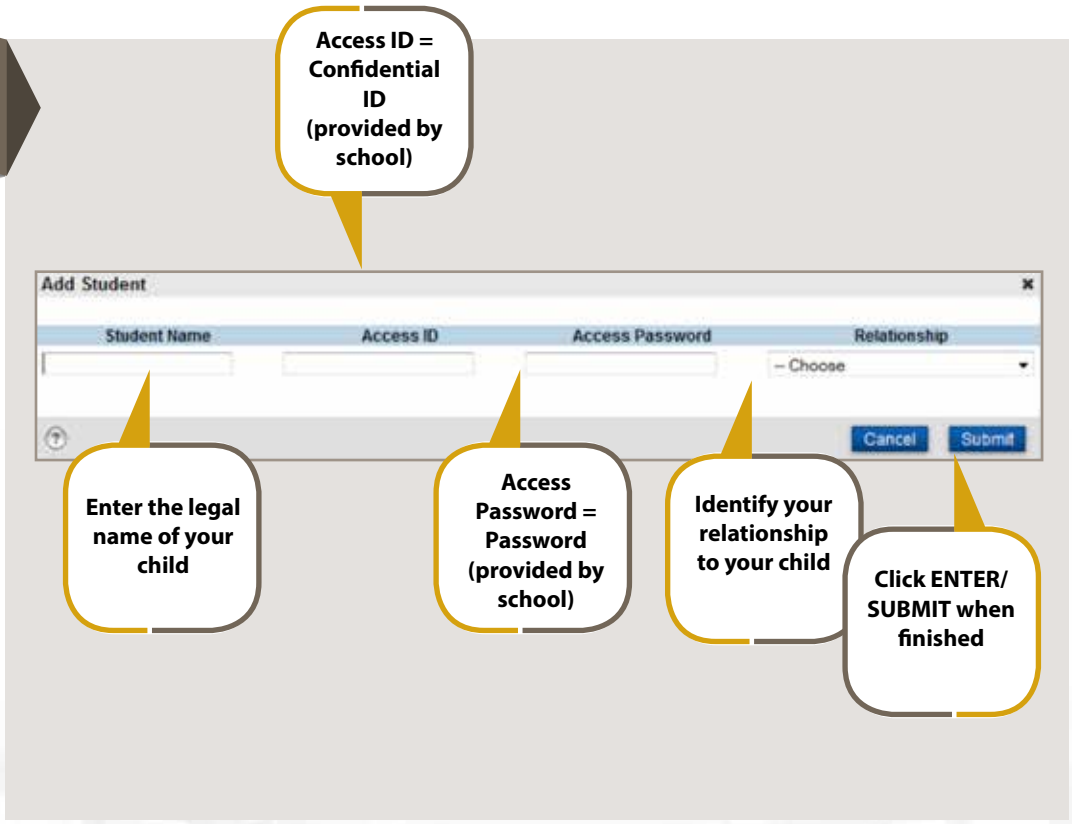

Achievement Scales (Kindergarten)

Academic Achievement Scale

Kindergarten

At the Kindergarten level, the Academic Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in all learning areas: Early Literacy, Early Numeracy, Citizenship and Identity, Environmental and Community Awareness, Creative Expression, Physical Skills & Well-being, and Personal & Social Responsibility.

Academic Achievement Scale Student level of achievement and understanding with reference to the learner outcomes:	
4	The student consistently demonstrates the skill.
3	Skill is emerging and the student requires minimal support.
2	Skill is emerging and the student requires direct support.
1	Skill requires further development.
N/A	Outcome has not been assessed.
Please note that not all of the learner outcomes in the Alberta Programs of Study are assessed by the teacher in a formal manner.	

Achievement Scales (Grades 1-6)

Academic Achievement Scale

Primary & Elementary (Grades 1-6)

At the Primary and Elementary levels, the Academic Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in core subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Academic Achievement Scale	
Grade level of Achievement – Unless otherwise stated, the student is working at grade level. Student level of achievement and understanding with reference to the learner outcomes:	
5	Student demonstrates an excellent performance and understanding of the learner outcomes by extending their learning and applying his/her knowledge.
4	Student demonstrates a consistent performance and a proficient understanding of the learner outcomes.
3	Student demonstrates an acceptable performance and a basic understanding of the learner outcomes.
2	Student demonstrates a developing understanding of the learner outcomes.
1	Student is experiencing difficulty meeting the learner outcomes.
Please note that not all of the learner outcomes in the Alberta Programs of Study are assessed by the teacher in a formal manner.	

Non-Core Achievement Scale

Primary & Elementary (Grades 1-6)

At the Primary and Elementary levels, the Non-Core Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in non-core subjects: Art, French, Health, Music, and Physical Education.

Non-Core Achievement Scale	
E	Excellent performance and understanding.
A	Acceptable performance and understanding.
N	Needs to improve performance and understanding.

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Achievement Scales (Grades 1-6)

Growth as a Learner Scale

Primary & Elementary (Grades 1-6)

At the Primary and Elementary levels, the Growth as a Learner Scale is used to communicate with respect to a child's behavior and work habits. This information is located in "Standards Grades" section.

Growth as a Learner Scale	
C	Consistently.
U	Usually
S	Sometimes
N	Needs Improvement

Characteristics

- Uses class time effectively
- Demonstrates organizational skills
- Completes required assignments
- Readily engages in discussion and activities
- Demonstrates problem solving in different situations
- Listens attentively
- Follows directions
- Strives to improve his/her work
- Works well with others
- Exercises self-control
- Accepts responsibility for own behavior
- Demonstrates respect to self, others and property

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Achievement Scales (Grades 7-9)

Academic Achievement Scale

Junior High (Grades 7-9)

At the Junior High level, the Academic Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in core subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education.

Academic Achievement Scale	
Grade level of Achievement – Unless otherwise stated, the student is working at grade level.	
Student level of achievement and understanding with reference to the learner outcomes:	
90-100%	Excellent and Insightful
80-89%	Excellent
70-79%	Proficient
60-69%	Competent
50-59%	Basic
Below 50%	Limited
Please note that not all of the learner outcomes in the Alberta Programs of Study are assessed by the teacher in a formal manner.	

Non-Core Achievement Scale

Junior High (Grades 7-9)

At the Primary and Elementary levels, the Non-Core Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in non-core subjects: Health and complimentary courses.

Non-Core Achievement Scale	
E	Excellent performance and understanding.
A	Acceptable performance and understanding.
N	Needs to improve performance and understanding.

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Achievement Scales (Grades 7-9)

Work Ethic Scale

Junior High (Grades 7-9)

At the Junior High level, the Work Ethic Scale is used to communicate with respect to a child's work habits. This information is located just beneath the overall grade for a course.

Work Ethic Scale	
E	**Excellent**. The student demonstrates excellent responsibility and independence turning in all assignments, and takes initiative for his/her learning.
C	**Competent.** The student demonstrates satisfactory responsibility and independence by turning in most assignments, and is usually ready to work and learn.
N	**Needs Improvement.** The student has assignments missing, or is frequently not ready to work and learn.

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Achievement Scales (Grades 10-12)

Academic Achievement Scale

Senior High (Grades 10-12)

At the Senior High level, the Academic Achievement Scale is used to communicate student achievement in all subjects.

Academic Achievement Scale	
Grade level of Achievement – Unless otherwise stated, the student is working at grade level. Student level of achievement and understanding with reference to the learner outcomes:	
90-100%	Excellent and Insightful
80-89%	Excellent
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Work Ethic Scale

Senior High (Grades 10-12)

At the Senior High level, the Work Ethic Scale is use to communicate with respect to a student's work habits. This information is located just beneath the overall grade for a course.

Work Ethic Scale	
E	**Excellent**. The student demonstrates excellent responsibility and independence turning in all assignments, and takes initiative for his/her learning.
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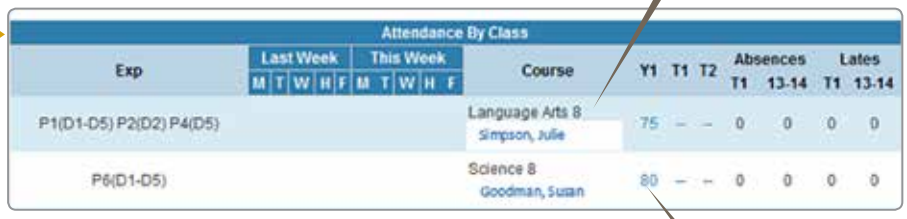
Grades

The Grades and Attendance view provides information regarding a child's courses, attendance, and overall grades for the current school year. Information about individual courses and assessment tasks can be found by clicking on the overall grade.



Click on the teacher's name to send an Email.

Click on the mark in Y1 column to view all individual assessments that make up the overall Y1 grade.

Note

Y1	Year course
S1	Semester 1 course
S2	Semester 2 course
T1	Term 1 course
T2	Term 2 course
T3	Term 3 course

Grades

Grades and Attendance | Standards Grades

Class Score Detail:

Course	Teacher	Expression	Final Grade[1]
Science 7	Goodman, Susan	P1(D1) P3(D5) P4(D1-D2,D4) P5(D3)	71

Teacher Comments:

Jane demonstrates a strong understanding of Science concepts. She participates in class discussion and activities, and she asks for clarification when required. She achieves high success in labs and hands on activities; however, she could put more care into written work.

Section Description:

Science 7 is an opportunity for students to explore the following concepts:

- Interactions and Ecosystems
- Heat and Temperature
- Planet Earth
- Plants for Food and Fiber
- Structures and Forces

Students will explore the above concepts in a variety of ways, and they will have an opportunity to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. Not all tasks will be included in the overall grade, as they are used simply to show where the student's understanding is at. The overall grade is a cumulative calculation based on the following information:

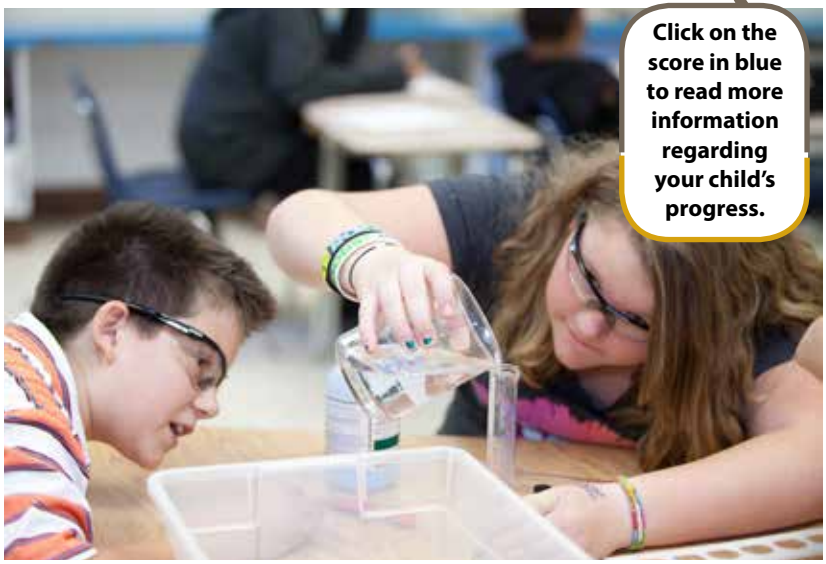
Assignments and Labs	50%
Exams and Quizzes	40%
Final Exam	10%

More information is available on the course website: www.mrs.scienceteacher.com

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Grd	Codes
09/13/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Formative	Experimental Procedure Quiz	74	
09/27/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Formative	Ecosystem Basic Quiz 1	65	
09/30/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Summative	Mealworm Lab	75	
10/09/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Summative	Ecosystem Mid-Unit Test	68	
10/18/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Summative	Field Study Analysis	75	
10/29/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Formative	Carbon, Water Cycle, Human Impact Quiz	63	
10/30/2013	Interactions and Ecosystems - Summative	Unwanted Poster		

☑ - Collected, ▲ - Late, ■ - Missing, ◆ - Score is exempt from final grade, ⊠ - Assignment is not included in final grade

Click on the score in blue to read more information regarding your child's progress.



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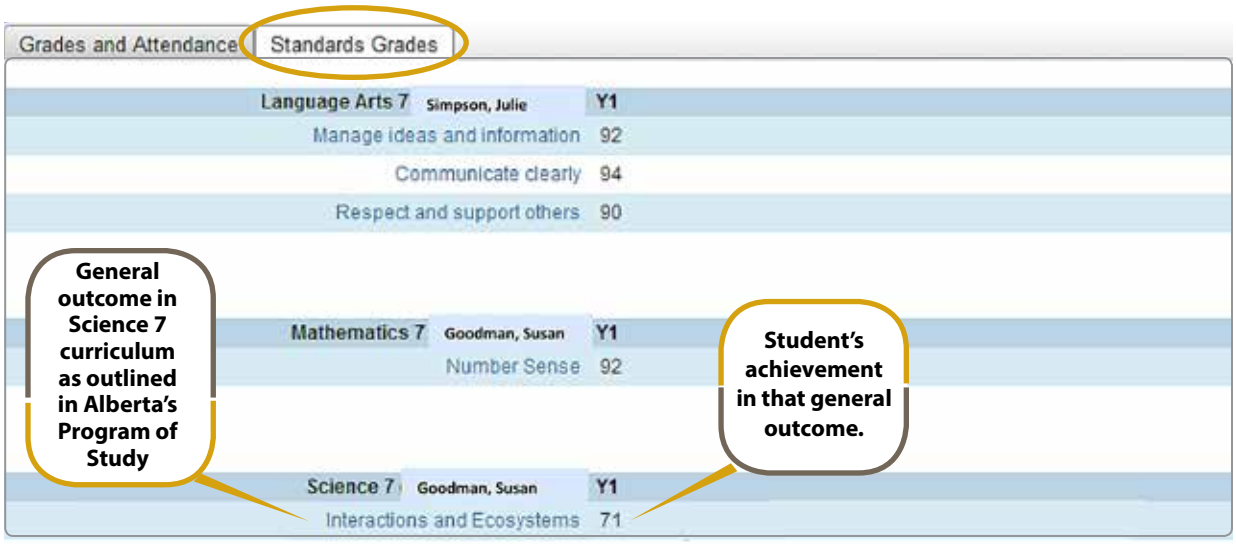
The Standards Grades view provides information about a child's progress in relation to the general outcomes identified in the Alberta Programs of Study and Growth as a Learner behaviours.



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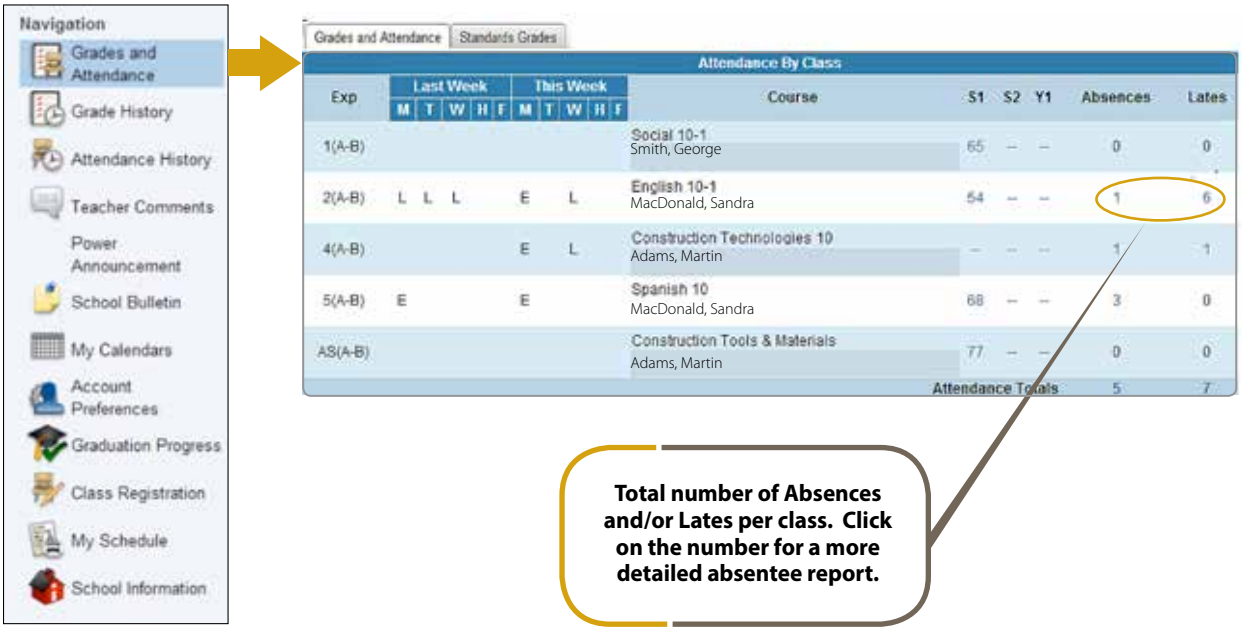

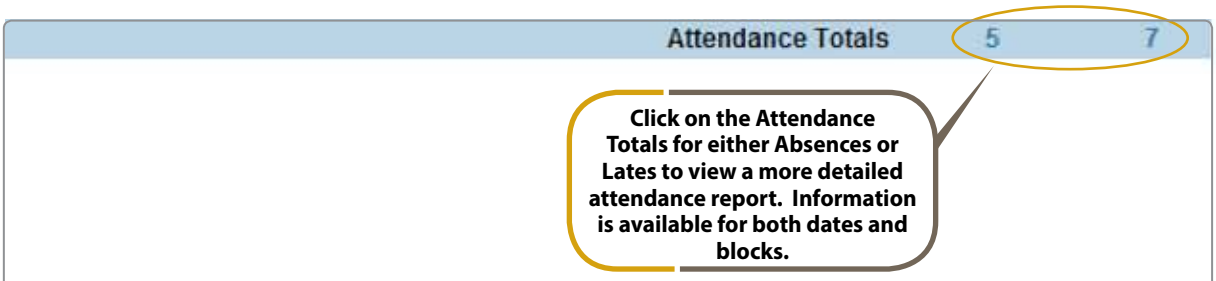

Attendance Legend

Blank = Present
AB = Absent
AC = Appointment Counselling
APPT = Appointment
BNR = Bus Not Running
E = Excused
EL = Excused Late
FL = Flex Day
FT = Field Trip
IF = Infirmary
ILL = Illness
IS/ISS = In School Suspension
L = Late
LE = Left Early
ME = Medical Excuse
NP = Not Participating
OE = Office Excused
OS/OSS = Out of School Suspension
PA = Parent Aware
PD = Parent Deployed
S = Suspended
SC = School Confirmed
SE = Sporting Event
T = Tardy
V = Vacation
WA = With Administration

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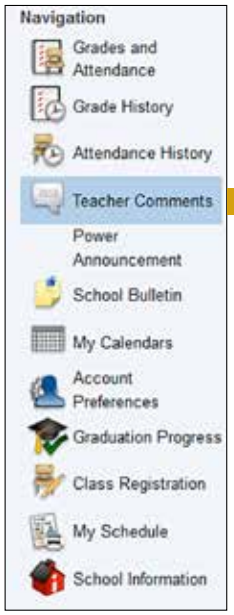
Teacher Comments

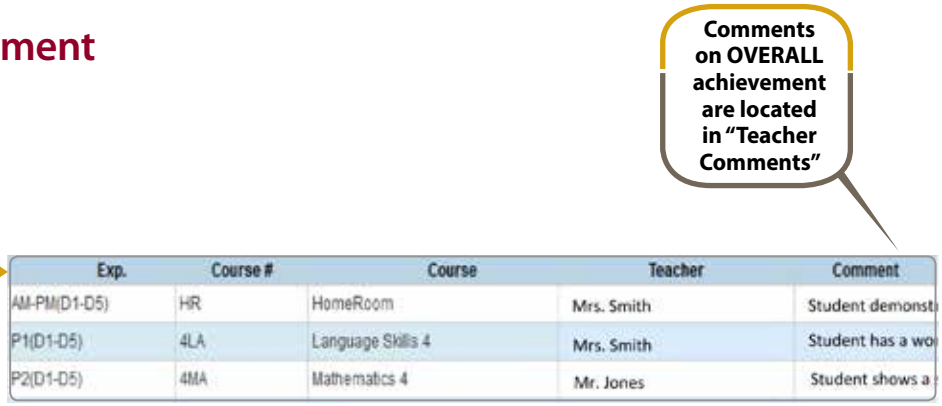
Teachers may provide two types of comments regarding your child's progress:

1. Comment on overall achievement
2. Comment on individual assessments

These comments are found in two different locations.

Overall Achievement





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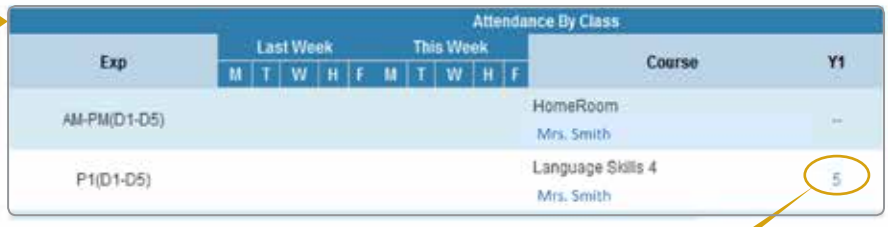

1. Click on the overall score.
2. Scroll down the page to the list of assignments.
3. Click on the assignment score if it appears blue.
4. A comment will appear in a box.

Comments on achievement for individual assessments are located in "Grades and Attendance"

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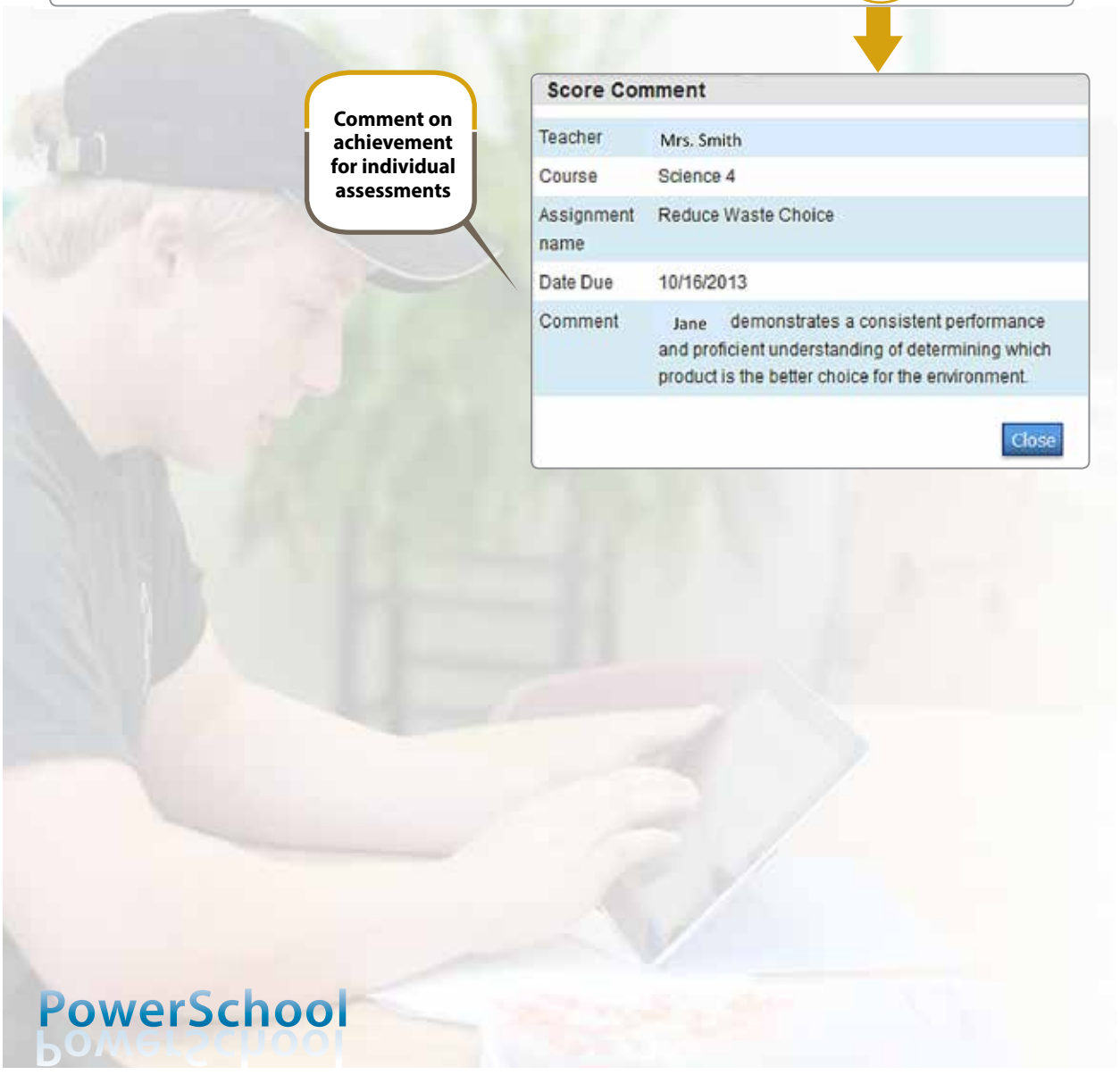
Teacher Comments

Individual Assessments (continued)

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Grd	Codes
09/04/2013	Formative	Dark Sky Preserves	5	
09/10/2013	Waste and Our World	Constellation Story	4	
09/18/2013	Formative	Waste and Our World Title Page	4	
09/25/2013	Formative	Biotic/Abiotic	5	
10/01/2013	Waste and Our World	Biodegradable	5	
10/02/2013	Formative	Sort It Out	5	
10/09/2013	Waste and Our World	Decomposition	2	
10/16/2013	Waste and Our World	Reduce Waste Choice	4	



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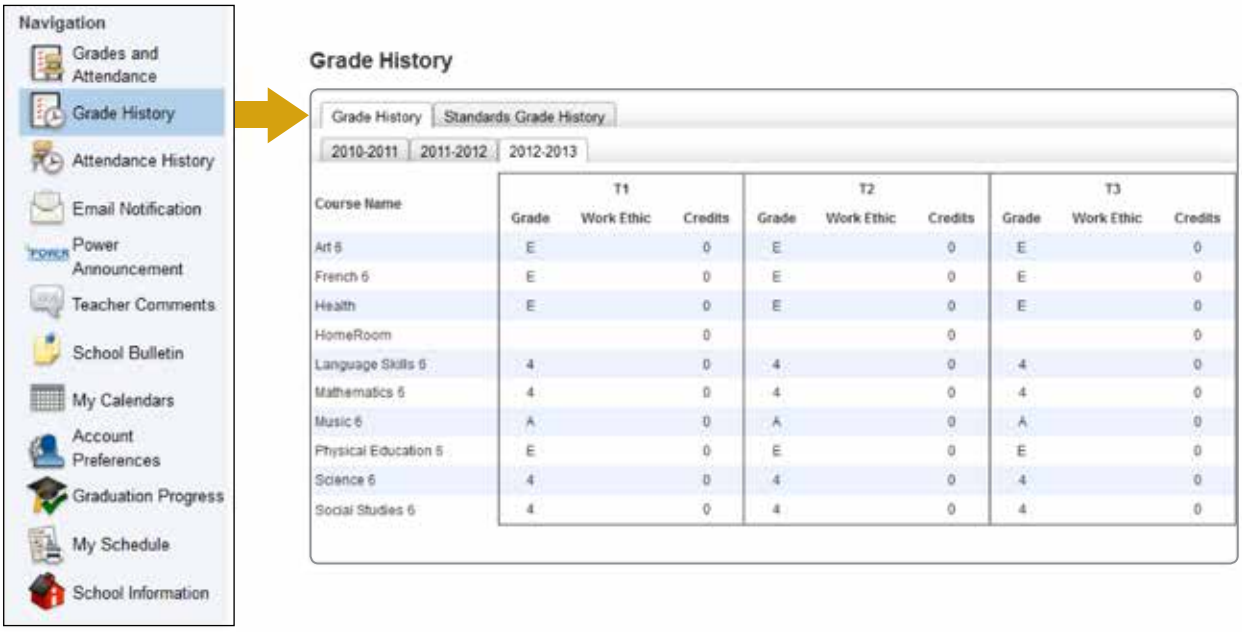
Click on Grade History to view
your child's achievement from previous school years.



Attendance History

Click on Attendance History to view
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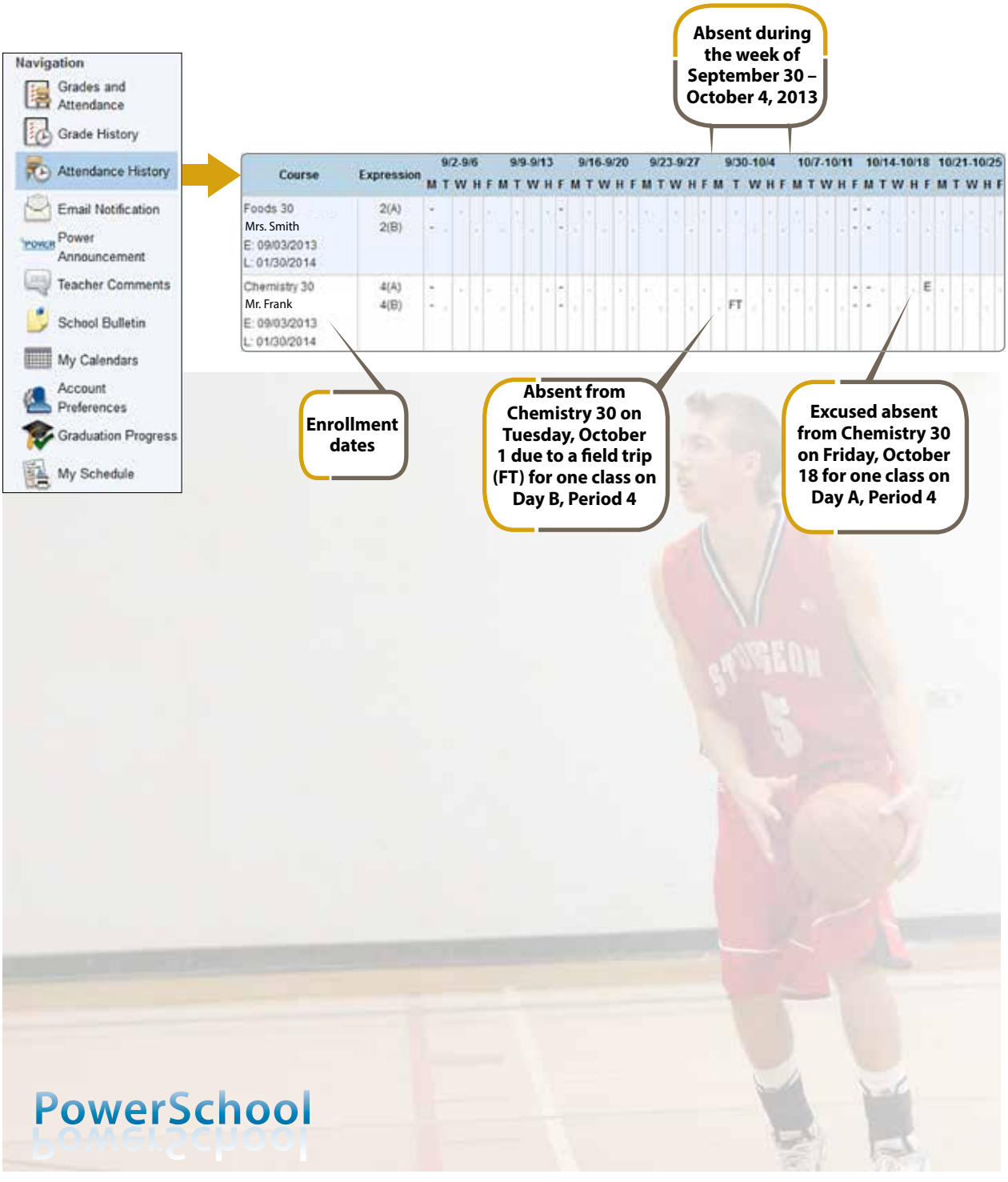

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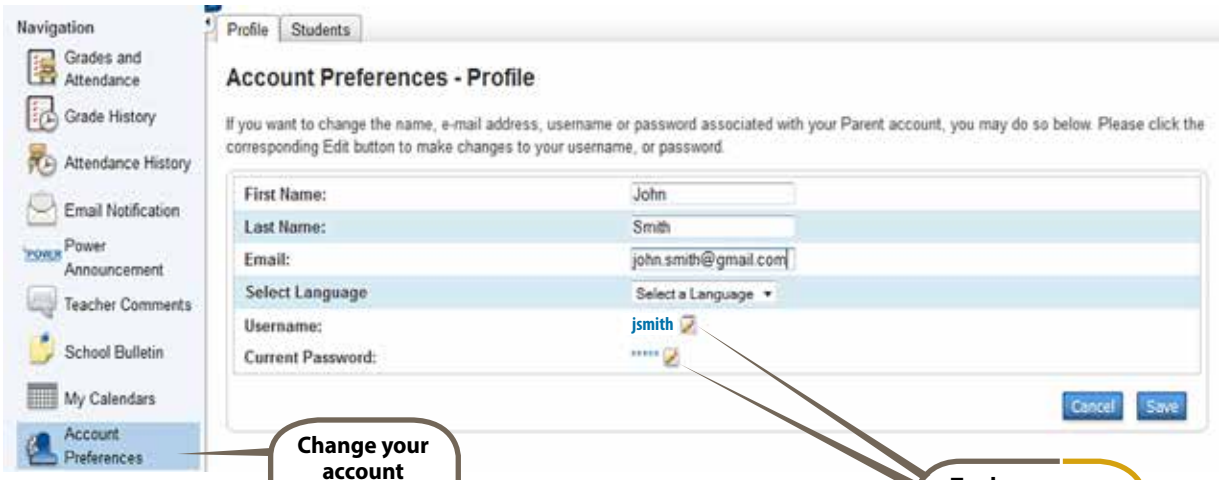
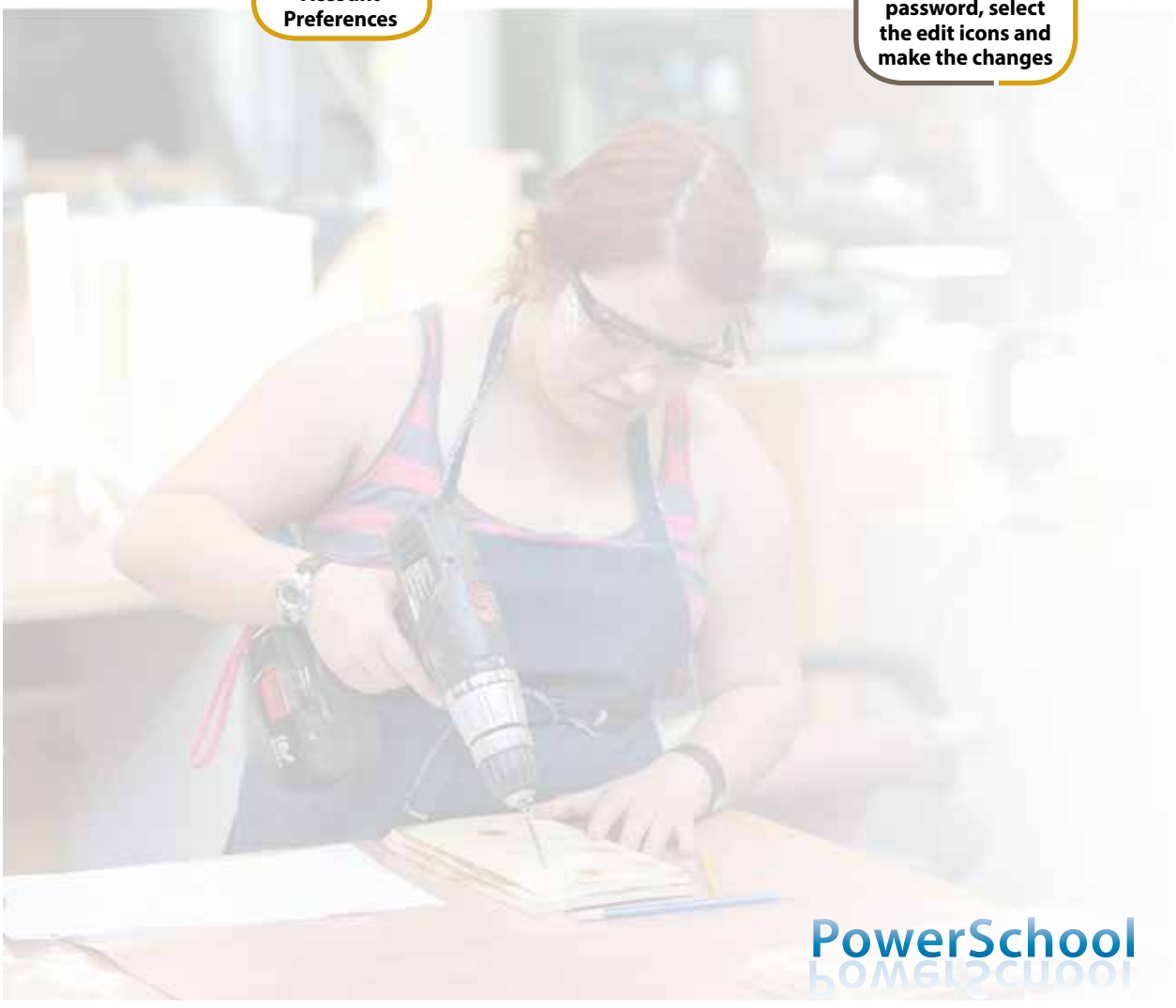


Change your account information by selecting Account Preferences

To change your PowerSchool login username and password, select the edit icons and make the changes



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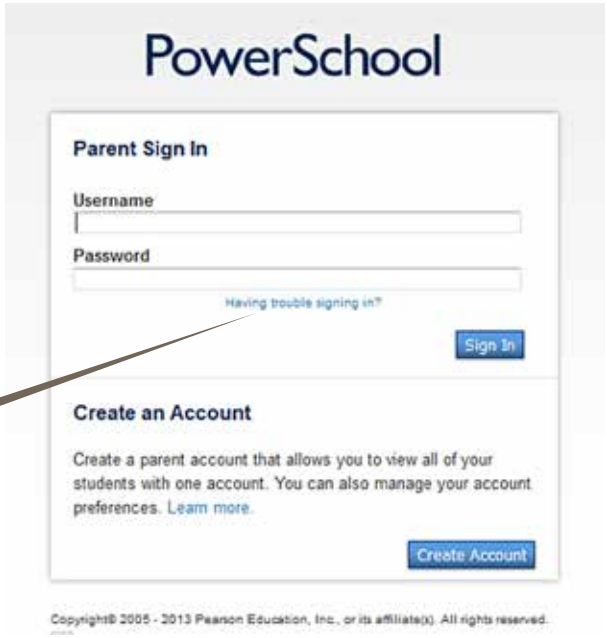

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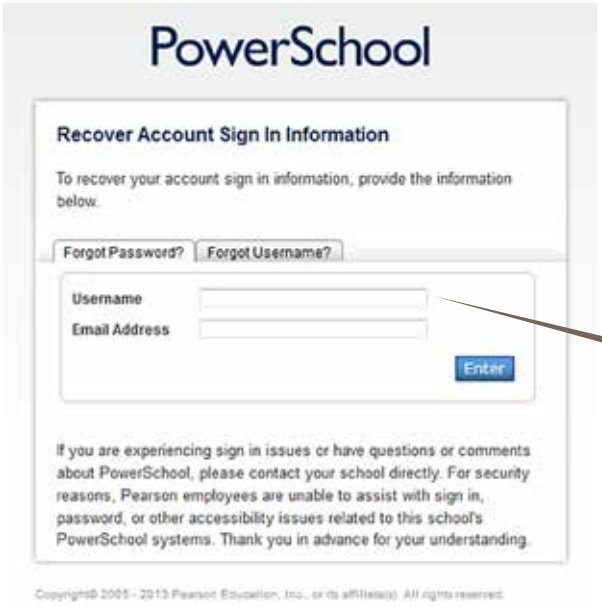

Enter the required information and click ENTER. Your login information will be sent to the email address you enter

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