



Wisconsin PowerSchool
User's Group Meeting
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Summer School

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PowerSchool Summer School

Problem: PowerSchool does not support dual enrollments, therefore any student & teacher movement from the active school to the summer school must occur after the last day of the active school year. Our last day of the active school year was June 9, 2011 and summer school starts on June 13 for some classes.

Solution: Place another instance of PowerSchool on another server and create a 'Summer School'

Statistics from 2011 Summer School

Total Number of Students Participating: 3200+ (8% increase from 2010)

Resident = 2700+

Non-Resident = 400+

Total Number of Classes Taken: 9200+ (10% increase from 2010)

Total Number of Courses in PowerSchool: 146

Total Number of Sections in PowerSchool: 651

Total Number of Employees: 187 (includes teachers, aides & other support staff)

Session Offerings:

11-12 year: June 20 – July 29

Session A: June 13 – June 19

Session 1: June 20 – July 9

Session 2: July 11 – July 29

Session B: August 1 – August 19

Things to Consider

- ✓ Buy-In from all departments and community
- ✓ Clarity on scheduling of summer school classes at same time student course selection is happening in the buildings for next year
- ✓ Teacher understanding of the importance of taking attendance
- ✓ Extending the calendar longer so students stay in database until reports are completed, or start working on the SS-1805 as soon as first 3 weeks is completed
- ✓ Try to make periods of day consistent in length of time
- ✓ Getting grades out of Summer School and into PowerSchool live
- ✓ Generating the State Tuition Summer School report (SS-1805-WI) at a District level rather than a school level

TimeLine

- January: 1.) Put Powerschool on another server making sure the PowerSchool versions are the same between live and Summer School
2.) Create the school at the District level with Years & Terms, attendance preferences, FTE codes, attendance conversions, attendance codes, and create the calendar.
3.) Start importing in of course & section data
- March: 1.) Send summer School Activity Guide to the printers, then to the Post Office for Mailing
2.) Secondary schools to have students select Summer School course selections at the same time they select their regular courses for fall.
3.) Import into Summer School parent and student web IDs & passwords
4.) Create any new fields which will be needed for Summer School
 Ex. Summer School room number, Other School (Summer School Only), etc.
5.) Start training office staff
- April: 1.) Schedule secondary students into their classes
2.) Start entering teachers as soon as they are hired
- June: 1.) Online scheduling of classes closes. Admin. Assts enroll any new students into PowerSchool and assign classes.
2.) Teachers are trained using PowerTeacher for grading and attendance purposes
3.) JUNE 13: All class registrations are done in the buildings through PowerSchool, as well as schedule changes, etc.
4.) Class Rosters are printed etc.

JUNE 20: SUMMER SCHOOL OFFICIALLY STARTS ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY

- July: 1.) Report cards for July 9 and July 29 are sent out to all secondary students using a PowerSchool report card copied out of our live PS instance
2.) Summer School ends July 29
- August: 1.) State Tuition Summer School reports should be generated

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