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Calendar Setup QRD

Per the [memo that went out to superintendents](#) yesterday, the NCDPI Home Base team has developed [a QRD that walks through various calendar scenarios and settings](#). Please review the [memo](#) and [this QRD](#) to set up your calendars correctly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions or issues, please [log a ticket with PowerSchool](#).



Memo: [Memo to Superintendents](#)

QRD: [COVID-19 Calendar Settings](#)



PowerSchool Security Updates

PowerSchool will bring down the PowerSchool application on Saturday, March 28 at 10 p.m. to apply security updates that were originally scheduled for the March maintenance weekend. This outage is set to last only 4 hours and should have very little impact on our users due to its off-peak timing. If you have questions concerning this outage, please contact the Home Base team at home_base@dpi.nc.gov.

2020-2021 School Start and End Dates

School Start and End Dates for 2020-21 will be pulled on April 1, 2020.

G.S. 115C-84.2(a2) specifies that a report on the start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for the next academic year be provided to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of education by April 1 of each year. **To make this deadline, the start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for each school must be in PowerSchool before April 1.**



For questions, contact LaShon Creech at studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov



NCDPI K-8 Digital Literacy Initiative Survey

During the 2019-2020 school year, NCDPI has collaborated with Learning.com to provide a K-8 Digital Literacy Solution to support educators with the delivery of instruction as well as improve these critical digital literacy skills among students. For students in Tier 1 counties, NCDPI provided full funding of this service, and all other North Carolina students were supported through convenience contract pricing.

As we move towards the end of this year and the available funding for Learning.com, it is important for NCDPI to measure the use and to identify the impact of this platform.

All PSU Finance Officers, Charter Directors, Learning.com Coordinators, and Head Superintendents were emailed this survey, and NCDPI is extending the deadline to complete. We ask that you work with your teams to **[complete this survey \(bit.ly/LCOMSurvey2020\)](https://bit.ly/LCOMSurvey2020)** by **Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2020**. We anticipate this survey may take 8-10 minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Cami.Narron@dpi.nc.gov.

Thank you for your support.

Reminder! Phone Number for NCDPI Technology Support Center has Changed

Last year, NCDPI's Technology Support Center changed its phone number to **919-716-1840**. Calls to the old number have been forwarded, but the phone company's forwarding service will be ending soon. To ensure we continue to meet your support needs without issue, please make sure you are calling us at our new support center number.



NCDPI Technology Support Center supports you with the following applications:

- Schoolnet
- NCEES/Unified Talent
- IAM/SSO (NCEdCloud)
- Staff & Student UID (eScholar)

Support availability:

Web: https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp_dpi - 24/7

Phone: (919) 716-1840, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding state holidays)

Webinars

NCWiseOwl Webinars

Four NCWiseOwl Gale Webinars are available. All webinars offer CEUs from GALE including full viewing of recorded webinars and alignment to the NC Digital Learning Competencies. Detailed descriptions for each webinar are located in the [NCWO Toolkit on the Professional Learning Page](#). Gale also houses [recorded webinars and registration](#) as a service for NC.



AUDIENCE: Teachers, Instructional Coaches, School Library Media, Instructional Technology, Other Certified Support Staff

- 14-Apr-2020 3:30-4:15 PM - [REGISTER](#) for CTE and your Gale Resources from NCWiseOwl



NCEES Webinars

Mark your calendars for the upcoming NCEES webinars. All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Webinar Series document located on <http://bit.ly/ncees-support>. Click the titles below to register.

Please click the following link to review the full list: [NCEES 2019-2020 Webinars](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

Upcoming NCEES webinars All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Webinar Series document located on <http://bit.ly/ncees-support>. Click the titles below to register. Please click the following link to review the full list and to access past recorded sessions: [NCEES 2019-2020 Webinars](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

1. [New Assistant Principal NCEES Series](#)

Note: Participants only register 1 time for all 10 meetings included in the series.

Description: New assistant principals need consistent ongoing support.

An agenda outline for all 10 meetings has been developed. In addition, participants will have a [link to submit questions and ideas](#) for topics/ standards to be covered throughout the series. [Link to agenda outline for all 10 meetings](#)

Target Audience: NEW Assistant Principals

Remaining Dates: March 31, April 28, May 26, June 16

Time: 4-5 p.m.

Recordings: [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [December](#), [January](#), [February](#), **Presentations:** [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [December](#), [January](#), [February](#)

2. [Providing Quality Feedback and the Summative Evaluation](#) -- NEW!--please share with other Evaluators and Observers!

Description: The Summative Evaluation can be difficult and stressful for the evaluator and the teacher. This webinar will provide ways to use the language of the Professional Teaching Standards and the rubric to ensure accurate and reliable feedback as it relates to the Summative Evaluation. Effective feedback strategies and practices will be discussed, including how to structure a framework/protocol for the Summary Evaluation Conference.

[Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

3. EOY for Teachers/ Support Staff [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

4. EOY for Principals [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

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