# GENESIS STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

## PARENT PORTAL

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Introduction

The Genesis Parent/Student Portal tool is a safe, secure way to view your child’s school record for the current school year. If your school district chooses, you may have access to the following information:

- Contact Information (email, phone numbers, emergency contacts) for your children
- Your children’s Marking Period, Exam and Final Grades
- Your child or children’s Report Cards
- Your child or children’s daily attendance record and possibly class attendance records (if your child’s school uses class attendance).
- Teacher Gradebook assignments and assignment grades for your child or children.
- Your child or children’s course requests or possibly their schedule for the next school year.
- Your child’s standardized test scores (e.g. NJ ASK)
- Your child or children’s discipline records
- Letters sent to you regarding your child:
  - General Purpose letters
  - Attendance Letters
  - Discipline Letters
  - Scheduling Letters
  - Fines/Fees Letters
- Documents that have been uploaded for your students.
- Online questionnaires or forms.

The rest of this manual will guide you through all of the screens which may be available to you and how to use them.

Please be aware that you may not see every screen for every one of your students (if you have more than one student in the school district).

The school district chooses which screens can be made available.

Screens may not be displayed if they do not apply to your student.
Logging In & Logging Out

Logging In
Logging into Genesis is very simple:

1. Go to the Parent Portal URL supplied with your district welcome packet.
2. Enter your Email Address in the ‘Username’ field
4. Click the ‘Login’ button

Logging In for the First Time
The very first time you login you will be required to change your password.

What if I forget my password?
Right next to the Login button, you can find a “Forgot My Password” link:

If you forget your password, click the ‘Forgot My Password’ link, if it is present.
If it is not there, you must contact your school or district office.
The information may appear on the screen where you see the fake information on the example screen above:

If that information is not there, you should have received information on where to call with your district packet. You will be given a new randomly generated password. The new password might even be mailed to your email account. The first time you login with your new password, you will be required to change it.
Logging Out

*It is important to log out of Genesis Web Access properly:* It is important to log out of all web applications properly.

To logout, locate the **Log Out** button in the upper right corner of every screen and click it:

When you click the logout icon you are immediately logged out:

Why log out? Why not just close or “nuke” the browser?

Closing the browser without logging out leaves your session open on the Genesis servers. This creates a security hole that only you can close: **Be secure, always log out properly.** In this era of Internet access, it is important to always properly close your sessions so that unauthorized persons cannot gain access to your information.

*This applies not only to Genesis, but to every Internet/Web application you use.*
Switching from English to Spanish

There is a button at the lower left corner of every screen. To switch to a different language, click this button. It then changes the language of the Parent module to that language.

Student Summary Dashboard Screen

The Summary Screen - The Student Dashboard

![Student Dashboard Screen](image)

Genesis Parent Access Student Data Summary – Student Dashboard Screen

When you login to Genesis Web Access the first screen you see is your student’s Student Data Summary. This is the student’s Dashboard screen. You will see a ‘dashboard’ for every student linked to your login. All your students will be on one screen.

Each student’s ‘dashboard’ contains the following information:

- Basic information about the student: student id, homeroom, grade, age. If you are viewing the screen during the school day, you will also see information about the class your student is in ‘right now’: current class, current teacher and current room.
- Your student’s schedule. The class the student is in ‘right now’ is highlighted in green.
- The student’s attendance summary for the current week – this shows you a color coded attendance code for each of the week.
- Assignment summary for the current week – how many are due each day
- Optionally, the student’s bus assignments can be displayed.
Top Tabs
There are four available dark blue “top tabs”. You may not see all of them, depending on which screens your district has enabled. The four include:

- **MESSAGE CENTER**: This is where you set up your user profile and access the “Message Center” which provides up to the minute messages about your students.

- **STUDENT DATA**: This is where you can see information for one specific student. The first screen you see when you click on the **STUDENT DATA** tab is the “Summary” dashboard with a separate “dashboard” panel for each of your students.

- **CONTACTS**: Contacts lists all contact information on record for your students and may allow you to update it.

- **SETTINGS**: You can change your password and/or your home screen on the “Settings” tab.

More Information About Each Student
The ‘Summary’ screen has a dashboard for each of your students. The other light blue tabs give you more information about one student at a time.

If your high school or middle school student has a class schedule, click one of the icons to get a printable copy of the schedule. It can be had in either list or block form.

The Selected Student
Only one student can be ‘selected’ at one time. When you ‘select’ a student that student’s information will appear on the additional tabs Student Data tabs.

For instance, if you click the ‘Attendance’ tab, you will see the selected student’s daily Attendance calendar for the entire school year.
Selecting a Student

Changing the Selected Student
The name of the ‘currently selected student’ is displayed in the ‘Select Student’ drop down at the top of the screen. To pick a different student, click the ‘Select Student’ drop down and choose the name of the student you want to select. Once you have done that, the tabs will take you to the newly selected student’s information.

Panels on the Dashboard
Student information is summarized at the left side of the dashboard. The student’s picture may be there, along with basic information such as homeroom, grade, guidance counselor, age and birthdate.
You can also see their current location in the “Schedule” panel.

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**THIS WEEK**

The **THIS WEEK** panel contains your student’s **Attendance** for the week and how many **Gradebook Assignments** they have due each day.

Click a number to see the Assignments for that day.

**BUS INFO**

If present, the Bus Routes panel lists the student’s morning and afternoon routes.

Navigate from weekday to weekday:
Attendance

Daily Attendance

Daily Attendance is your child’s official daily attendance.

- The Attendance Calendar with each day color coded
- A summary of the student’s Attendance for the year
- The ‘Legend’ of Attendance codes for your school district.

Attendance Color Codes
Your district selects its own set of Attendance codes and selects the color for each one. When you look at this screen you will see the Attendance codes for your school district. Common Attendance codes include:

- Unexcused absence
- Excused absence
- Unexcused tardy
- Excused tardy
- Left early
- Field trip
Class Attendance

If your child is in Middle School or High School and has separate courses, Class Attendance may show you their attendance for each separate subject. You must click the Class Attendance tab under the parent portal to find class attendance. If this button does not appear, your child’s school does not record individual class attendance.

To see Class Attendance, click the Class Attendance tab.

The Class Attendance screen shows you your student’s Class Attendance summary for each of their separate subjects. One month is displayed at a time and the screen always starts by showing you the current month’s attendance. You may select any month you wish.

- Class attendance is listed by each school day in the month and shows which classes the student may have missed on each day. Each day for each subject is color coded.
- The ‘Legend’ of color-coded Attendance codes for your school is shown at upper right.
- “Today” is always highlighted in yellow.
- At the bottom of the screen, there is a separate summary for each subject for the entire school year, divided by Marking Periods.

Each subject summary contains the following attendance totals for the class, overall and by Marking Period:

T – All absences for the subject – the Total
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Grading

Current Year Report Card Grades & Current Report Card

The Grading screen gives you access to your student’s Marking Period grades and teacher comments and possibly the student’s most recent actual report card.

The Student’s Grading screen contains lots of information and a link to their current report card. The numbers below each grade are the comments the student has received for the Marking Period.

Place your cursor on a comment number and the corresponding text is highlighted in yellow – the text of the comment is also displayed in a Tool Tip. A link to the current report card is at the top of the screen and links to email teachers may appear below the teacher’s name.

The Grading Screen
This screen summarizes your student’s Report Card grades for the current year.

The current Marking Period is highlighted in green.

Each box shows the grade and comment codes that your student has received in the corresponding class for the selected Marking Period. If you place your cursor on a comment code, the corresponding comment will be highlighted (e.g. [A: Follows Directions Well]). In addition, the text of the comment will appear in a tooltip (e.g. [Follows Directions Well]).

In addition, as outlined below, you can access and view your student’s most recent report card.

Viewing your Child’s Current or Most Recent Report Card
If you are able to view your child’s actual report card, a [Please click here to view the MP1 form for Ed in Genesis High School] message will appear between your child’s name and their list of grades:
If this message appears, click it to view the actual report card displayed in Adobe Reader (Adobe Reader must be installed on your computer). A sample report card is shown below.

To Print a Copy of the Report Card
1. Click on the ‘Grading’ tab.
2. If the “Please click here to view” message appears, click it. If it does not appear, you will not be able to view your child’s actual report card at this time.
3. When the report card appears, locate the Adobe printer icon at the upper left of the Adobe Reader’s border. Click it to access a regular Print dialog and print the report card. (Newer versions of Adobe Reader may display the printer icon differently. Please refer to the Adobe Reader user guide.)

To Save a Copy of the Report Card
1. Click on the ‘Setup’ tab.
2. If the “Please click here to view” message appears, click it. If it does not appear, you will not be able to view your child’s actual report card at this time.
3. When the report card appears, locate the Save icon at the upper left of the Adobe Reader’s border. Click it to access a regular File dialog and print the report card.

To Return to the Genesis Parents Portal
1. When you are done viewing the report card, click the browser “Back” button.

Prior Year Report Cards
The Available Report Cards tab brings up Report Cards from previous years that your child’s school has made visible through Genesis. Report Cards will not be available for years before your District began using Genesis:

List of Available Prior Year Report Cards. Click the PDF icon to the right to see a Report Card.
Academic History (Transcript Information)
If your student is in high school, the “Grade History” tab lists the course and final grade information that will appear on the student’s actual transcript.

Discipline

Discipline Record
The optional Discipline screen lists any discipline issues regarding your child that have occurred in the current school year. Each incident record includes the following information:

- The date and time period in which the incident occurred.
- A brief description of the incident
- A list of all actions that have taken place or will take place as a result of your child’s involvement in the incident
- Dates on which the actions were or are scheduled to take place.

This screen may not be available in your student’s school.
Gradebook

Weekly Summary of Assignments Screen and Marking Period Averages

The Gradebook Summary Screen – Click on the highlighted course name to see all the Assignments for that course. Click on a teacher’s email address to send email to that teacher.

Choosing the Marking Period Average to Display
The “Avg” column always starts by displaying your student’s up-to-date Marking Period average for the current (i.e. ongoing) Marking Period. You can check on their average for a previous Marking Period by using the drop down in the “Avg” column header:

Select the Marking Period and the averages in the column will be updated to show you the averages for that Marking Period. If you tab away from this screen and then return, the averages for the current MP will once again be displayed.

Viewing all Assignments for One Course
To see all of the Assignments for one course, click on the highlighted course name. That will take you to the “One Course/All Assignments” screen.

Viewing all Assignments for a Selected Day
To see all of the Assignments for one day (for example, Tuesday), click on the highlighted day name. That will take you to the “One Day/All Assignments” screen.

Gradebook Weekly Summary
This shows you a snap shot of all Assignments that are due for the selected week. You may do the following:

- Select a different week by clicking in the “Week of” field.
- See all Assignment for all courses by selecting “All Assignments”.
- See all the Assignments for one course by clicking on the highlighted name of a course in the list.
- See all the Assignments for one day by clicking on the highlighted day name.
- See your student’s marking period averages for either the current Marking Period or a previous Marking Period.
- Download files the teacher has attached to an Assignment.
- View teachers’ Assignment comments for your child.
List of Assignments Screen

This screen will allow you to look at your child’s Assignments in multiple ways.

The controls at the top of the screen let you select by the following criteria:

- **Courses** – Select one subject or all subjects
- **Status** –
  - Graded Assignments – Assignments that have been graded.
  - Ungraded Assignments – Assignments that the teacher has not yet graded.
  - Incomplete Assignments – Assignments the student has partially but not completely finished.
  - Missed Assignments – All assignments the student failed to turn in or do.
  - Assignments the student has not yet completed because they were absent on the due date. An assignment is marked “Absent” if the student is absent on the day it is due. This option shows all assignments currently marked “Absent”.
- **Assignment Due Date** – Select one date. This date can be interpreted as the single date you selected or as the week which contains the date you selected or as the month.
- **Show Assignment Dates** – This lets you choose the time period you wish to view assignments for:
  - “One day” – the Assignments for the date selected in Assignment Due Date.
  - “Week of” - the Assignments for the week which contains the date selected in Assignment Due Date.
  - “Month” - the Assignments for the month which contains the date selected in Assignment Due Date.
  - “MP1” – All assignments for Marking Period 1.
  - “MP2” – All assignments for Marking Period 2.
  - “MP3” – All assignments for Marking Period 3.
  - “MP4” – All assignments for Marking Period 4.
  - “All Assignments” – All assignments for the entire duration of the course.
One Day’s Assignments

One Day’s Assignment
When you click on a ‘day’ name you are brought to the “List Assignments” screen with only the one day selected:

One Day/All Assignments
If you click on a day name, you come to the “One Day/All Assignments” screen. This is the “List Assignments” screen set for one day, all courses, all assignments.
One Week’s Assignments

Viewing a Week’s Assignments
If you select “Week of” and select any date, you will be shown all assignments for the week containing the selected date. For example, if you select the date “11/21/2008” which happens to be a Friday, you will be shown all assignments for the week Monday, 11/17/2008 through Friday, 11/21/2008.

Special Grades and the Previous Grade Column (“Prev”)

Teachers have 4 "special" grades that they can give students for any assignment:

- **Absent** – Your child was absent on the date the assignment was due. This means your child has a chance to make up the work: The assignment is not counted until the teacher changes the grade to a regular grade or to Missing or Incomplete. When a grade of Absent is changed to another grade, “Absent” appears in the Prev column. Something that “was previously Absent” was turned in after your child returned to school following an absence.

- **Missing** – Your child failed to turn in an assignment or take a quiz or a test. When a grade is changed to another grade, it appears in the Prev column. Missing is the most common special grade. A teacher’s comment may accompany a missing. A grade of “Missing” in the Prev column means the work was turned in late. “Previously missing” means “late”.

- **Incomplete** – Your child partially completed an assignment but did not finish it. When Incomplete appears in the Prev column, your child has completed the assignment late.

- **Exempt** – Your child is not responsible for doing this assignment. It does not count for them. It is unusual for an Exempt to appear in the Prev column. Usually, when a child is explicitly exempt from an Assignment, they are not later given a grade.

Initially, these special grades appear in the regular Grade column (e.g. ABS). When a teacher gives one of these special grades (e.g. MI - Missing) and then later changes it to another grade, the original, special grade
(i.e., Prev) is displayed in the Prev column on the List Assignments screen. Regular grades never appear in the Prev column – it is only for these special grades.

The teacher cannot clear the “previous grade”. It is always displayed to you. You might use this information to help understand why your child may have received their regular grade (“the work was late”). For example, excellent work turned in late often receives a reduced grade.

**Viewing Teacher Comments**

Teachers can enter comments on your child’s performance that can be viewed through the List Assignments screen. *If a teacher has entered a comment on an assignment, please take time to view it.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MP4 Quiz 1</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100% Miss</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If a pushpin icon appears on the Assignment line, it means the teacher has entered a comment on the assignment. To read the comment, click the icon. This will cause the comments to popup:

![Teacher Comment](image)

**Downloading Attached Documents**

Teachers can upload documents to assignments so that you can download these at home. The “documents” include such things as MS Word, MS Excel, PDF files, .wmv movies, podcasts and many other types of files. When one or more documents have been uploaded and attached to an assignment, icons identifying the type of each attachment appear in the Docs column on the List Assignment screen.

If icons (e.g., PDF) appear in the “Docs” column on the right side of an Assignment line, it means that the teacher has uploaded files to the assignment and you may download them. There will be one icon for each file the teacher has attached (means there is one MS Excel file attached). The shape of the icon indicates the kind of file that is attached (e.g., PDF indicates a PDF file that requires ADOBE Reader to read). You will need to have installed the right application to view each type of file.¹

To see the description of an attached document, place your cursor on the icon:

![Document Icon](image)

To download the document, double click on its icon. The attachment will be displayed in the central part of the screen.

¹ While teachers are encouraged to upload files in common formats, such as MS Word, there is no guarantee that you will always have the right application to view an attachment. If you do not, please contact the teacher.
Assessments

Assessments shows your student’s standardized test scores

List of Standardized Test Scores
The top section lists your student’s standardized test scores:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TEST</th>
<th>EXAM</th>
<th>YEAR</th>
<th>MONTH</th>
<th>SEM</th>
<th>GRADE</th>
<th>LANGUAGE ARTS</th>
<th>READING</th>
<th>WRITING</th>
<th>MATH</th>
<th>SCIENCE</th>
<th>SCORE</th>
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<td>HSPA</td>
<td>HSPA</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>October</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>261</td>
<td>277</td>
<td>Information</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAT</td>
<td>SAT</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>525</td>
<td>675</td>
<td>Information</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</table>

Views of Various Groups of Scores
The other sections, if any appear, show groups of your student’s scores. Each section contains a group of scores related in some way:

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<tr>
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<th>EXAM</th>
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<th>MONTH</th>
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<tr>
<td>PSAT</td>
<td>1/2010 READING</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>October</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>215</td>
<td>Information</td>
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Scheduling

“Scheduling” in the Parents Module is all about **Next Year Scheduling**.

Viewing Next Year Requests, Recommendations and Schedule

The **Scheduling** screen shows you your student’s course requests for the **next** school year (e.g. 2018-19 if this year is 2017-18), teacher recommendations, if there are any, as well as their “next year” schedule once one has been **created**.

There are three things listed on this screen:

1. **Your student’s list of course requests for next year.** These can be printed out.
2. **The teacher a course was recommended by** – if there was a teacher recommendation. Teacher Recommendations will appear at the very bottom of the screen.
3. **Your student’s actual schedule for next year.** Once the student’s actual schedule for next year is ready, it will be displayed on this screen as well. This may not happen during the current school year. When the next year schedule is ready, you will be able to print it out as well.

**Printing Next Year’s Requests**

1. Click the PDF Icon next to the “list of requests” header:

   ![Joe's Course Requests for 2018-19](image)

   This brings up an Adobe PDF view of your student’s next year requests (shown below). The printed report includes a “signature” line.
2. Use the Adobe Reader’s print button to send the report to the printer.
3. You may be asked to do print the request list, sign the set of requests and have your student return the signed list to school.
Adobe PDF report of your student’s next year course requests. Use the Adobe Print button to print this out.

**Printing Next Year’s Schedule**

Your student’s next year schedule will only be available once the scheduling process completes. This may not occur until after the end of the current school year. Scheduling is a long and complicated process. An empty or missing schedule simply means that your student’s school has not yet completed the scheduling process and is not a cause for alarm.

1. Click the PDF Icon next to the “Next Year Schedule” header:

   Joe’s Course Requests for 2018-19

   This brings up an Adobe PDF view of your student’s next year schedule.

2. Use the Adobe Reader’s print button to send the report to your printer.
Courses Recommended but Not Requested
The very bottom of the Scheduling screen may contain a list of courses that teachers recommended for your student but which they decided not to request and not to take. Scroll down to see this list.

![List of recommended but not requested courses](image)

This list will appear if a teacher recommends a course for your student and your student decides not to take the course. The course is then “not requested” so that it will not be scheduled for your student.

Making Next Year Course Requests

If your school allows, you may make course requests from the “Requests” screen:

![Requests screen](image)

The Requests screen lets you choose courses to request for the next school year.

Making Course Requests
If you are allowed to request courses, the Requests screen will be available and the subjects will be listed there. If a subject is not listed, you cannot make requests for it.

To view the available courses for a subject – to see the course catalog – click on the “Request a Course” button for that subject.
The Course Catalog screen lists all the available courses in the subject area – English for example.

### Deciphering the Course Catalog

Each line in the course catalog provides the following information:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CODE</th>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>CREDITS</th>
<th>TYPE</th>
<th>GRADES</th>
<th>STATUS</th>
<th>PRIORITY</th>
<th>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>10175</td>
<td>&quot;ENGLISH 1 HON</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Honors</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>10275</td>
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<td>Honors</td>
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<td>60A</td>
<td>6th Grade Language arts</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Request This Course</td>
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<tr>
<td>10510</td>
<td>ADV COMPOSITION</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Request This Course</td>
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<td>10540</td>
<td>BRITISH LITERATURE</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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<td>10659</td>
<td>CONTEMP LIT</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Request This Course</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Course Code** – The course number in the school’s catalog.
- **Course Name or description** – The name of the course.
- **Credits** – How many credits is it worth?
- **Type or level of course (e.g. Honors or AP)**
- **Grades** – Which grade levels (e.g. 10th grade) is the course aimed at?
- **Status** – Has this course been recommended for your student? Have they already requested it?
- **Priority** – A drop down that allows you to select your priority for the course.
- **Additional Information** – A place where you can enter a short note about your choice.
- **Selector or Message** – This either provides you with a “Request this Course” button or the reason why the student cannot request it. For example, because it is already one of their requests, or they do not have the prerequisites for the course.
The catalog may have expanded descriptions of the course, and may also give reasons why you cannot choose a particular course for your student. If a course can be requested, the “Request this Course” button will be available. Click this button to choose the corresponding course:

When you click on a button, you will be asked to confirm your choice:

Click “OK” to finalize the course request or “Cancel” to cancel it.

Once you have made a request, the “Requests” screen is updated with your choice:

Prioritizing your Choices
The Course Catalog contains a “Priority” drop down for each course and an “Additional Information” field.

You can prioritize your choice by selecting a priority. The “Priority” checkbox lets you pick a number between 1 – the highest – and 5 – the lowest – to indicate the order of your choices.

You can also put a short note in the Additional Information field. Your child’s guidance counselor will be able to see both the priority and the short note.
Conferences
The Conferences tab contains a list of conferences scheduled with school personnel (teachers, counselors, case managers) that have been made for the student and their guardian(s).

There are two controls on the bottom of the screen, which allows you to make or request additional conference appointments.

If you have conferences schedule, you will see them listed on the Conferences tab. If you need to make a change, you can click “Update.” You will also see Upcoming Conferences for any other students tied to your account.

Scheduling Conferences
Clicking on the schedule conference link brings up a screen where you select a time slot for each of your student’s teachers and lock in your conference appointments:

Each teacher or counselor has a column which will show all available slots:
To select a conference slot, locate a date and time that works for you and click the **Reserve** button for that slot. A verification dialog will appear. Click OK to reserve the slot.

Once you have reserved a slot, all the remaining slots for that person will become unavailable:

You may only schedule one slot for each teacher or counselor during a “Teacher Conference” event.

**Requesting a Conference**

Requesting a Conference is different than Scheduling a Conference. When you click on the link, you will see a list of your students’ teachers for the current week:

You may only “request” an already available slot. Teachers who have slots available will have the slot times listed. You cannot request a conference for a teacher who has no available slots.

To request one of the available slots, click on the listed slot time. A list of that teacher’s slots for the selected **day** will be displayed. You can then choose one of the available slots.

To choose a slot, click the **Reserve** button for it.
Letters

The Letters tab contains a list of letters that have been sent to the student’s guardians. Once the letter has been sent to the guardian, it can be made available on the Letters screen.

![Letters Tab](image)

To view a letter, click on the PDF icon corresponding to it. This will open a separate window and display the letter:

![Sample Letter](image)

Sample Letter – letter is displayed in a separate web browser window.

When you are finished viewing the letter, you may close the window it is displayed in.

**Printing Letters**

All Genesis reports are displayed as PDFs using Adobe Reader. To print on a printer, use the Adobe Printer icon to bring up a normal print dialog.
What types of Letters are displayed?

- **Attendance Letters** – Letters generated when the student has some Attendance-related issue (e.g. too many absences).
- **Conduct Letters** – Letters generated when a student is involved in a discipline infraction.
- **Scheduling Letters** – Letters related to scheduling classes for next year.
- **General purpose letters** – Any letter that does not fall into one of the above categories is considered “general purpose”. These can cover a wide variety of topics.

This all depends on what your district makes available.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LETTER DATE</th>
<th>STUDENT</th>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>LETTER</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>


Documents

The Documents screen lists documents that the school or district has linked to your student’s record. You can view these and may be asked to acknowledge that you have read one of them:

The documents you have access to are displayed in the “Document Library” list on this screen:

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FOLDER NAME / TITLE</th>
<th>FOR</th>
<th>Acknowledge that you have read this document</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>ReportWriter Form Output</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
<td>Acknowledge that you have read this document</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 24 TEST DOC</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
<td>Acknowledge that you have read this document</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sample Form 6-13-2013</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
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<td>THURSDAY JAN 24</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
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<td>Caitlin</td>
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<td>MyDoc 1</td>
<td>Caitlin</td>
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</table>
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Download and View a Document

To download and view a document listed on this screen, click the PDF icon. This displays the contents of the selected document.

Acknowledged that you have read the Document – This is “signing” the document

To acknowledge that you have read the corresponding document, click the button.

This causes a confirmation dialog to appear:

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Types YES to confirm that you have read this document
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You must type the word **YES (all in capital letters)** into this dialog box and click the **OK** button to acknowledge that you have read the corresponding document.

**WARNING:** Clicking the **button and entering YES into the prompt is a legal acknowledgement that you have read the document.**
Once you have acknowledged reading the document, the button is no longer displayed:
Forms

Filling Forms
If any forms are available for you to fill out, they will appear on the Student Data → Forms screen. Clicking on the name of a form opens it so that you can answer the questions it contains.

To Fill out a Form
1. Go to the Student Data → Forms tab.
2. Select the Form to fill in and click on its highlighted name:
3. Clicking on the form’s name brings up the form so it can be filled in. Each form is different.

4. When you are done filling in the form, click the button. This sends your answers to Genesis. If you do not click the button your answers will not be recorded.
Contact Management

The Contacts screen allows you to view and possibly update the contact information for your students. If you do not have permission to update the Contact information directly via Web Access, you will not see the fields and buttons described here. If those fields and buttons are missing, please contact your school or district offices to update information for your children.

A PDF icon may appear next to the name of each of your children to allow you to print out their current contact information.

What is listed on the Contact Management Screen?
The Contacts screen lists all telephone and email contact information for:
- The student themselves – your children’s own cellphone and email addresses
- The student’s Guardians – the legal guardians – such as you – who are allowed to view the children’s information.
- Other contacts – all other people whom you wish the school to be aware of in your children’s lives, including:
  - Emergency contacts – People you wish to be contacted should an emergency arise and you are not available.
  - Doctors
  - Dentists
  - Hospital to use in an emergency if hospitalization is required.
  - Other people it is important that the school know about.

The Contacts screen has an area for each of your children and within a child’s area; there is a separate section for each Contact.
Viewing and Printing Contact Information for all Students linked to your Account
To print a copy of all of the contact information found on the Contacts screen for one student, locate the PDF icon next to the student’s name and click it.

This will bring up a report of this student’s Contact information:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Contact Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alex Durants</td>
<td>Student</td>
<td>Student</td>
<td>222-222-2222 (Home)*</td>
<td><a href="mailto:fakeemail@wikicampedu.com">fakeemail@wikicampedu.com</a> (Home)*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Addresses
Legal Residence
Guardian: Durants
123 Lexington, Apt. 1
Something, NJ 07728

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<tr>
<th>Contact Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Guardian Durants</td>
<td>Guardian</td>
<td>Mother</td>
<td>111-111-1111 (Cell)*</td>
<td><a href="mailto:fakeemail@wikicampedu.com">fakeemail@wikicampedu.com</a> (Home)*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Addresses
Home Address: A D G R S
Guardian: Durants
123 Lexington, Apt. 1
Something, NJ 07728

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Emergency Contact</td>
<td>Emergency</td>
<td>Grandfather</td>
<td>333-333-3333 (Home)*</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please make changes and sign, then return to the Main Office.

The Contacts Report for one student – These reports maybe multiple pages.

The Contact Report: The report is always for one student. Each student listed will have a PDF icon next to their name which can be clicked for that student’s Contacts report. The reports can be multiple pages. **Make sure you scroll down to see all of a student’s Contact information.**

This report can be printed out, corrected and brought to your child’s school or district offices.

**Printing Contact Reports**
All Genesis reports are displayed as PDFs using Adobe Reader. To print on a printer, use the Adobe Printer icon to bring up a normal print dialog.
Interpreting Information for a Contact
Each “Contact” represents one person in a student’s life (e.g. Mother, Grandmother, Uncle), or a single organization (e.g. Doctor’s practice, Hospital).

The top line shows the Contact’s name and “contact type” and relationship to the student:

<table>
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<th>Contact Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Student</td>
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<td>Guardian 1</td>
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<td>Guardian 2</td>
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<td>Guardian 3</td>
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<td>Emergency</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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</table>

There are multiple contact types that are possible:
- Student
- Guardian 1
- Guardian 2
- Guardian 3
- Guardian 4
- Emergency
- Other

Phone Numbers: A Contact may have an unlimited number of phone numbers listed for them. If a number is a cell number and you want the Contact to receive text messages on their cell phone regarding your student, you must select the name of the cell service provider (e.g. Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, etc.). If you have permission to remove phone numbers, a trashcan icon will appear at the far right of each phone number:

Email Addresses: A Contact can have multiple email addresses listed. If a small icon appears at the right side of the email address, it means that this email address is being used as the login for a Genesis login for your child. For example, it may be your email address and indicate that you have a Genesis login:

The Student’s Own Contact Information
Each student can have their own, personal phone numbers and email addresses listed under the “Student” contact. These would be ways for the school to contact the student, themself, directly.

You might not see any special flags:
Updating Information for a Contact
Each section contains information for a single Contact:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Guardian Name</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Danvers</td>
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<td>Mother</td>
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Information for one Contact

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You MAY be able to update the Contact information directly on the screen: this is under the control of your school district. They may allow you to update the information directly, or you may only be able to view it.

Updating a Contact’s Email and Phone Numbers
You can do three things to the email addresses and phone numbers:
- Change the information
- Remove (i.e. delete) the information
- Add new phone numbers and email addresses

WARNING: You can only do these things if your school district gives you permission. This section assumes that you have such permission – if you cannot do the things described here, it is because your district has not given you permission to do them: it is not because the system is broken.
Deleting a phone number or email address: Find the delete trashcan icon corresponding to the phone number or email you wish to delete and click it:

A confirmation dialog will appear:

Click the OK button to continue and delete the email address or phone number.

Click Cancel to abandon the deletion and keep the information.

Adding a phone number or email address: To add a new phone number or email address locate the “Add Phone/Email” tool at the bottom of the Contact’s information:

Add Phone/Email: 

Home Email: 

Save All Changes

Make sure you locate the Add Phone/Email for the correct Contact. Each Contact has their own Add Phone/Email field:

The drop down contains the list of things that you can add to the Contact:

Select the type of information you want to add.

Then move to the blank text field and enter the phone number or Email address.

Go to the top or bottom of the screen and click the button.

Adding a Cell Provider information to an existing phone number: For Genesis to send text messages to a Cell number, the cell service provider (e.g. Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile) must be specified. It is not possible to send text messages without that information. “Text messages” include the notifications that can be sent, for example, when a student’s gradebook grades are updated. If the cell service provider is selected, but is wrong, the number will not receive the messages that are sent.

To set or change a cell number, locate the “Provider” drop down below the phone number itself:
Select your provider, then scroll up or down (to the top or bottom of the page) and click the 

**Save All Changes** button.

**Adding a New Contact**

If you have a **Add Contact for Alex** button at the bottom left of a student’s list of contacts, you have permission to add a new contact! If you do not see that button, you do not have permission to add a contact: please contact your school to update contact information.

To add a Contact, click on the **Add Contact for Alex** button. This brings up the “New Contact” area right below the button:

![New Contact Area](image)

Enter the following fields:
- **Contact First Name** – The person’s last name
- **Contact Last Name** – The person’s first name
- **Relationship to Student** – Select the new Contact’s relationship to the student: Friend? Neighbor? There are dozens of relationships listed. It is important to select the correct one.
- **Is the person an Emergency Contact for your child?** Do you want them to be contacted in an emergency? If yes, select one of the Emergency Contact options.

You can enter up to six emergency contacts for each of your students. Emergency contacts are people you wish to be called in the event of an emergency. Enter in the order in which you would like these people to be contacted.

Once you have entered all the information, click the **Add Contact** button to add the new Contact.

**WARNING:** If you have more than one student, and you wish the new contact to be used for all your students, you must add them separately to each child’s contacts.
Changing Relationship Information for or Deleting an Existing Contact

If you have permission to update information for a contact, there will be an Options button in the top line of the contact’s information. To update the name information for a contact or to delete the contact entirely, use this Options button.

When you click Options, a popup appears:

The popup gives you three options:

- **Close**: Clicking the Close button dismisses the popup and makes no changes.
- **Change Contact**: Clicking Change Contact lets you change the name and relationship information for this Contact. (Phone numbers and Email Addresses are changed as described above.)
- **Delete Contact**: Clicking Delete Contact removes the contact entirely. This removes the whole contact: name, phone numbers and email addresses. Warning: There is no UNDO button.

Deleting a Contact: When you click Delete Contact, the following confirmation dialog appears:

If you click Yes, the contact and all their information is permanently removed. If you click No, then the popup is closed and the contact is not deleted.

Changing a Contact: When you click Change Contact, the following popup appears:

You can change the contact’s First or Last name, and set whether they are an Emergency Contact or not.

To make changes to the contact, update the information, then scroll to the top or bottom of the screen and click the Save All Changes button.
Home

Introduction to the Home Screens

There are two screens under tab:

1. **Message Center** - The Message Center provides a list of all messages received for your student. There are no settings on this screen – it is an information screen.
2. **Message Alert Setup** – This is where you set which Alerts you wish to receive.

To get to the Message Center screen, click the Message Center tab.
The Message Center Screen & Alerts

Using the Message Center

The Message Center provides a list of all messages received for your students. Some of these may be linked to Documents or Letters. There is one Message Center for all your students – all your students’ information is located on the same screen.
Anatomy of a Message
Each Message includes a date, an Icon identifying which module of Genesis sent it, the message itself and potentially an additional line of information and possibly View, Link and Delete buttons:

- This is the “View” icon. If the View icon is present, clicking it will bring up the document or letter.

- This is the “Link” icon. If the Link icon is present, clicking it will take you to the screen containing the item related to the message. For example, if the Alert is about a document, clicking Link takes you to the Documents screen. If the Alert is about Attendance, clicking it takes you to the Attendance screen.

- This is the “Delete” trashcan icon. To remove the Message, click the Delete icon.

Viewing the Message Content
If there is a button, click it to bring up the document, letter or other content. When done, click the browser back button to return to Genesis.

When there is a “Link” button, if you click it, it will bring up the Documents screen in the Parents module so you can see the full list of Documents for your student:

Other Message types have Link buttons that bring up the appropriate screen. For example, if there is a link button next to a discipline alert, it will bring you to the student’s discipline tab.
Setting Alerts

Alert Setup

If you wish to receive an alert when new messages are sent to your Message Center you may do so here. Alerts may be sent by email or text message (if you have provided a cell phone and cell carrier to the school).

- **Letters**: Receive an alert any time your student receives a letter from the school.
- **Attendance**: Receive an alert when your student is given an absence to school.
- **Gradebook Grades**: Receive an alert when one of your students grades are updated in a teachers gradebook.
- **Messages**: Receive an alert any time school staff sends a Message to your Message Center.

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**Alerts**

Genesis has the ability to send an alert to your contact emails/text message addresses:
- if your child is absent or tardy or
- if a grade is updated in any of their teacher’s Gradebooks
- If an Attendance letter has been generated for one of your children.
- For many other types of messages.

**Turning On Alerts**

1. Click on the **Home** tab.
2. At the top, click the **Message Alert Setup** button.
3. This brings up the Message Alert Setup screen. At the top is an explanation of each type of Alert. Below that is a list of all the email address and cell phone numbers on file for any of your students:

4. For each email address or cell number, check the Alert checkboxes for the alerts you wish to receive.

5. Scroll to the bottom and click the **Save Alert Preferences** button.

**Turning Off Alerts**

1. Click on the **MESSAGE CENTER** tab.

2. At the top, click the **Message Alert Setup** button.

3. This brings up the Message Alert Setup screen. At the top is an explanation of each type of Alert. Below that is a list of all the email address and cell phone numbers on file for any of your students:

4. For each email address or cell number, uncheck the Alert checkboxes for the alerts you do not wish to receive.

5. Scroll to the bottom and click the **Save Alert Preferences** button.

**Adding Emails and Cell Phone Numbers to Receive Alerts**

The list of email addresses and cell phone numbers shown on the Message Center Alerts screen are those which you have provided for your own personal contact information. To add cell numbers or
emails to the list, you must either use the controls on the screen, or, if you are not allowed to change your information there, you must contact your students’ school(s).

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All of your personal emails and cell phone numbers will be available here – this will usually be a short list.
Personal Settings

Changing Passwords

To Change Your Password
1. Click on the Settings tab at the upper left corner of all Parent Access screens. This brings up the “Settings” screen
2. Enter your current password
3. Enter the new password you desire
4. Re-enter the new password you desire.
5. Click Save

When are you required to change your password?
If your password is changed by the system administrator, the next time you login, you will be required to change your password. The “Change Password” screen will automatically appear and you must do the following:
1. Enter your current password
2. Enter the new password you desire
3. Re-enter the new password you desire.
4. Click Save

Setting Your Home Screen

To set your entry screen:
1. Click on the Settings tab at the upper left corner of all Parent Access screens. This brings up the “Settings” screen
2. Locate the “Settings” panel on the right.
3. Choose a new Home screen.
4. Click Save
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Where do I get my login?**

   Your Genesis Parent Portal login will usually be your email address.

   You will give the email address you want to use as your login to your school or district.

   The school or district will tell you when your login has been entered into the Genesis system.

   If your email address is *not* going to be your login, your school or district will assign you a login.

2. **What if I forget my password?**

   To replace a lost password you must call your school or district.

   Information as to who to call should be provided to you in your Parent Portal Welcome Packet.

   You cannot be given your existing password: for safety reasons, Genesis never displays a user's password, *even to the system administrators*.

   If you lose or forget your password, you will be given a new, randomly generated password.

   You will then be required to change the new password the next time you login to Genesis Parent Portal.

3. **What is the URL for Web Access?**

   You will be given the URL for the Parent Portal in your Welcome Packet. If you do not have the Welcome Packet, you must contact your school or district to find out the correct URL.

4. **How do I log out of Web Access?**

   There is a small “Logout” button at the upper right of every Web Access screen. Click the “Logout” button.

5. **How can I update my student's Attendance information?**

   You cannot update any information. If you believe any information is wrong, you must contact your child’s guidance counselor.

6. **Is it ok for me to just close the browser rather than log off? Do I really need to log off?**

   Closing your browser is not the same as logging off. You *must* log off of the Parent Portal to eliminate the possibility of someone else accidentally getting access to your student’s information.

   For example, if you are accessing Web Access from a public place, such as a library or other public internet access point, if you just close your browser and walk away, without logging out, there is a chance that someone else will be able to immediately reattach to your Web Access session and view your child’s information. Logging off properly terminates the Web Access session.

   *Always log off of Web Access – Never just close your browser*
7. **What if I do not have access to all my students?**

If you need access to a student that is not yet linked to your Parent Portal login you must call your school or district office.

Each district will have its own procedures and regulations regarding linking a student to Parent Portal login.

It may be possible that Parent Portal is in a ‘roll out’ phase and is only offered in some of the schools in your district and not in others. Refer to your Welcome Packet for information on whom or where to call.

8. **What if I don't have access to my child's Report Card?**

Usually a school only displays the most recent report card that was sent home. If the actual report card is not available online, it may be that none has yet been sent home or that the previous Marking Period's report card has been “turned off” so that the new Marking Period’s report card can be prepared.