



PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS

September 1, 2021

PowerSchool Parent Portal

As many of you know, the Alabama State Department of Education has moved to a new student information system this school year. That means that you will soon be able to access your student's grades and attendance via the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the PowerSchool Mobile App. Pelham City Schools will be enabling access to these on Tuesday, September 7. You will receive a letter for each student that contains an Access ID and Access Password for that student. If you have not received a letter from your school by Thursday, September 9, or if you have difficulty setting up your account, please contact your student's school. Once your accounts go live on Tuesday, if you have any questions about the grades listed for your student(s) in the portal, please contact your student's teacher.

Click the links below to learn more about the PowerSchool Parent Portal and the PowerSchool Mobile App.

<https://www.powerschool.com/parent-student-resource-center/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA8gl-gTIMI>

Messages to Custodial Contacts in SchoolMessenger

We are aware that, in some cases, all custodial contacts listed on the student's record are not receiving messages through our school notification system. We are currently working with SchoolMessenger to correct this issue.

Updates to COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Quarantines

Further discussions related to contact tracing and quarantines took place at our Board of Education meetings on Monday, August 30. At this time, Pelham City Schools will continue to identify close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases, and parents of close contacts will be notified.

Due to the fact that we are not currently seeing transmission of COVID-19 in the classrooms and our belief that we need to keep students in school, those students in close contact will not automatically be required to quarantine from school. Situations where they may be quarantined would be parent choice to quarantine, student being symptomatic, or a lapse in mitigation protocols.

Moving forward, we will continue to closely monitor our data. If we see spikes in classroom transmissions or if we move to a lower mitigation level where face coverings become optional, quarantining students identified as close contacts could return as part of our mitigation efforts.

As a reminder, we have transitioned to Mitigation Level 4, and a short term remote learning option is available for students if requested by a parent. If this is something you are considering for your student(s), please refer to the [communication to parents that was sent on Friday, August 27](#) for more information and details about how to make the request.

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools