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Access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal

The PowerSchool Parent Portal is accessible from any device with Internet access (i.e. computer, tablet, smartphone). The Hartselle City Schools' PowerSchool Parent Portal can be accessed by typing the following URL in your web browser address bar:

<http://hartsellecs.powerschool.com/public>.

Additionally, you can access the PowerSchool Parent Portal via the free mobile app available on both iOS (iPhone or iPad) or Android devices. On iOS devices, the PowerSchool app can be downloaded via the App Store and on Android devices, the PowerSchool app can be downloaded via the Google Play Store.



In order to access the Hartselle City Schools site via the mobile app, you will need to enter the Hartselle district code as follows:



Creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

To access the PowerSchool Parent Portal, you will need to create 1 (one) account to access the information for all children you currently have enrolled in Hartselle City Schools. Prior to creating your account, you are required to:

- Have an e-mail address
- Obtain an access ID and Password for each child you have enrolled in Hartselle City Schools

Your child(ren)'s school can assist you with any of the above-referenced items.

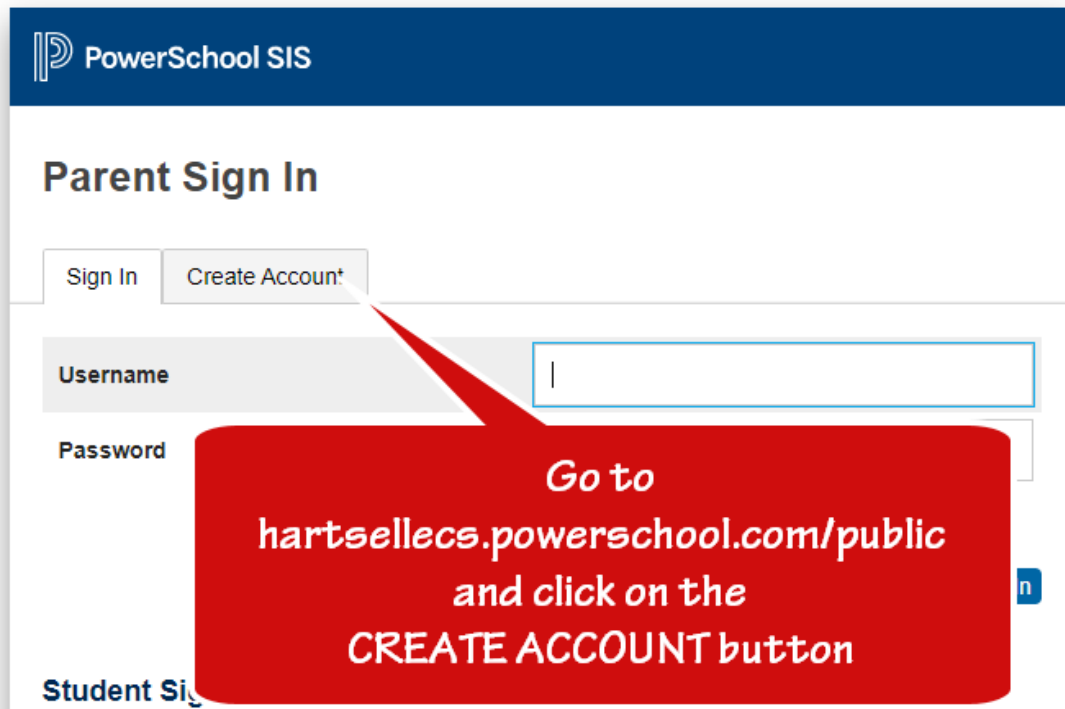
IMPORTANT NOTE

To successfully register/create your Parent Portal account, the registration should be completed on a PC or laptop. Unfortunately, the registration cannot be completed on a mobile or tablet device.

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Step 1: Access the HCS Parent Portal webpage

Step 2: Click on the Create Account tab



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS Parent Sign In page. At the top, there is a blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header, the page title "Parent Sign In" is displayed. There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". A red callout box with white text points to the "Create Account" button. The callout text reads: "Go to hartselecs.powerschool.com/public and click on the **CREATE ACCOUNT** button". Below the buttons, there are input fields for "Username" and "Password". At the bottom left, there is a link for "Student Sign In".

Step 3: Enter the information below to create a Parent/Guardian account:

The screenshot shows the 'Create Parent Account' form in the PowerSchool SIS system. The form is titled 'Create Parent Account' and has a sub-section 'Parent Account Details'. It contains several input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Desired Username', 'Password', and 'Re-enter Password'. A note at the bottom states 'Password must: *Be at least 8 characters long'. Five yellow callout boxes with red arrows point to the input fields, providing instructions: 1. Type in First Name, 2. Type in Last Name, 3. Type in Email Address, 4. Type in Desired Username, and 5. Type in desired password and re-enter password.

Step 4: Enter the information below to link students to a Parent/Guardian account:

The screenshot shows the 'Link Students to Account' form. It includes a heading 'Link Students to Account' and a sub-section 'Link Students to Account'. The form contains a table with columns for 'Student Name', 'Access ID', 'Access Password', and 'Relationship'. The first row is numbered '1' and the second row is numbered '2'. Four yellow callout boxes with red arrows provide instructions: 1. Enter Student First and Last Name, 2. Enter Parent Access ID from Letter for Student, 3. Enter Access ID Password from Letter for Student, and 4. Select your respective relationship to the student from the drop-down.

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You can repeat Step 4 to link up to seven (7) students to a Parent/Guardian account with the required fields of information for each student.

Step 5: Click Enter at the bottom of the page to complete setting up your account:



It is important that you keep your Username and Password confidential so only **you** can access the information.

Logging Into the PowerSchool Parent Portal

To log in to the Hartselle PowerSchool Parent Portal, enter the URL below into your web browser address bar:

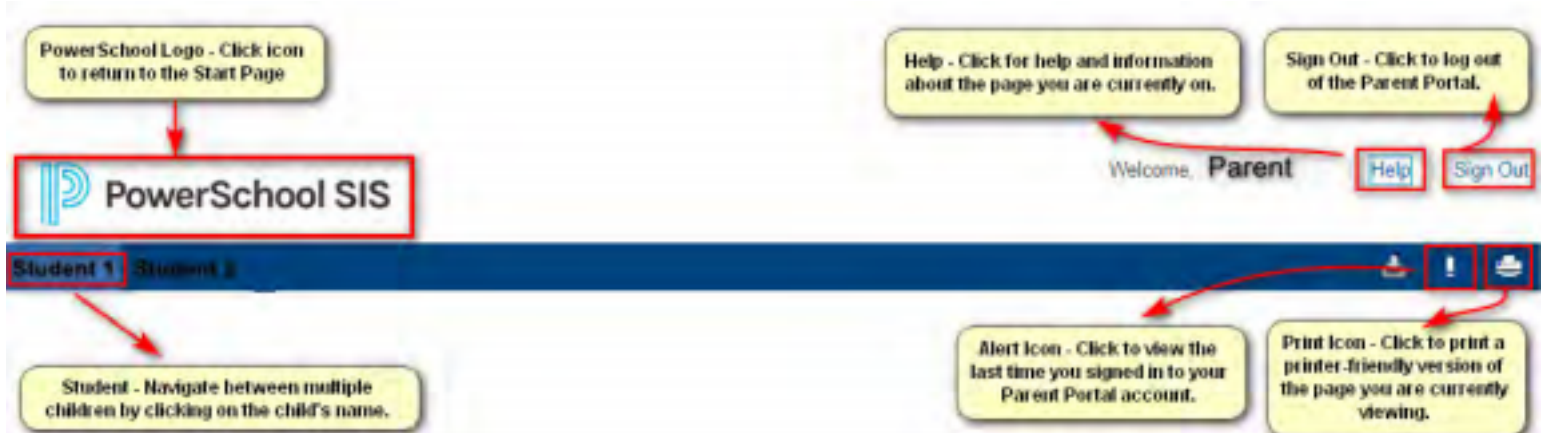
<https://hartsellecs.powerschool.com/public>

A screenshot of the PowerSchool SIS Parent Sign In page. The page has a dark blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo and name. Below the header, the title "Parent Sign In" is displayed. There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". Below these are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A red callout box with white text says "Enter the Username and Password that you created" and points to the input fields. Below the input fields is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right of the form is a blue "Sign In" button. Below the form is a section titled "Student Sign In".

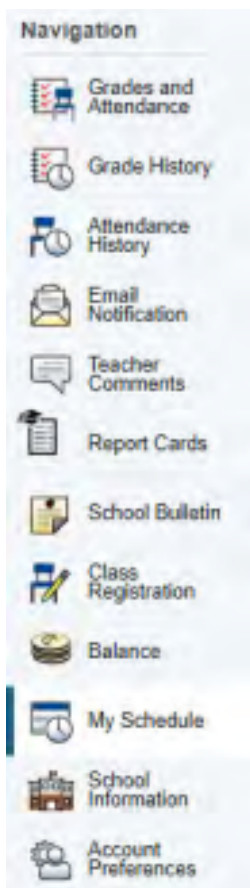
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Navigating the Parent Portal

The following Navigation Bar appears at the top of every page in the PowerSchool Parent Portal:



Once you have logged into the Parent Portal, you will now have real-time access to the following items for your child(ren) located in the Navigation Menu panel on the left-hand side of the page:



- Grades and Attendance (Current)
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Email Notification (Set-up)
- Teacher Comments
- Report Cards
 - School Bulletin for Important Messages
- Student Schedule
- School Information
- Account Preferences

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The PowerSchool Parent Portal automatically opens to the Grades and Attendance page. It is the default quick lookup page, which displays student's classes, attendance, teachers, and grades, which are pulled from each respective teacher's grade book.

Grades and Attendance: Student 1

The screenshot shows the 'Grades and Attendance' page for a student. The page has two tabs: 'Grades and Attendance' (selected) and 'Standards Grades'. The main content area is titled 'Attendance By Class'. It features a table with columns for 'Last Week' (M, T, W, H, F) and 'This Week' (M, T, W, H, F). A red circle highlights these columns, with a callout box labeled '1. Attendance with Codes for last two weeks.' The table also has columns for 'Course', 'Teacher Name', 'Rm.', and 'Absences/Tardies'. A red box highlights the 'Absences' and 'Tardies' columns, with a callout box labeled '3. Total number of absences and tardies'. The 'Absences' column shows a value of 10 and the 'Tardies' column shows a value of 0. A red box highlights the 'M1' column, with a callout box labeled '2. Grade by Term(s)'. The 'Course' column shows 'HR Attendance - 1st Grade' and the 'Teacher Name' column shows 'Teacher Name'.

1. **Attendance:** Provides a snapshot of the last two weeks of the student's attendance.

A legend is located at the bottom of the quick lookup screen with more information regarding attendance codes.

2. **Course Grades (by term):** When grades become available for each specified term, you are able to click on the class grade to see class assignments (if posted by the course teacher) for the current academic year.

Class Score Detail: Student Name






The screenshot shows the 'Class Score Detail' page for a student. The page has two tabs: 'Grades and Attendance' (selected) and 'Standards Grades'. The main content area is titled 'Class Score Detail: Student Name'. It features a table with columns for 'Course', 'Teacher', 'Expression', and 'Final Grade'. The 'Course' column shows 'HR Attendance - 1st Grade', the 'Teacher' column shows 'Teacher Name', the 'Expression' column shows 'EA(A-E)', and the 'Final Grade' column shows '- _%'. Below the table, there are sections for 'Teacher Comments:', 'Section Description:', and 'Assignments'. The 'Assignments' section shows a table with columns for 'Due Date', 'Category', 'Assignment', 'Flags', 'Score', '%', and 'Grade'. The 'Assignments' section shows 'No Assignments found.' and 'No Assignments Scored.'







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3. **Absences/Tardies Total:** To view the list of attendance dates for absences and tardies, click on the number for either column. You will be directed to the Dates of Attendance page.

Dates of Attendance:

| Dates of all absences for HR Attendance - 1st Grade Exp. EA(A-E) | | for M1: |
|--|--------|---------|
| 1. | - ILA | |
| 2. | - ILA | |
| 3. | - ILA | |
| 4. | - ILA | |
| 5. | - ILA | |
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| 7. | - ILA | |
| 8. | - ILA | |
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| 10. | - ILA | |

| Navigation Icon | Description |
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|  Grade History | The Grades History page displays term grades for the selected student. |
|  Attendance History | The Attendance History page displays information about a student’s attendance record for the current term. |
|  Email Notification | The Email Notifications page provides you will the ability to manage your parent account email preferences, including what information you would like to receive, how often you would like to receive the information, and any additional email addresses that you would like the information sent to. Email preferences may be applied to a single student or all students associated with your parent account. |
|  Teacher Comments | The Teacher Comments page displays any comment that a teacher has entered regarding a student, such as a student’s achievement or behavior. |
|  Report Cards | The Report Cards page displays report cards for the selected student. |

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|  School Bulletin | <p>The School Bulletin page serves as your child(ren)'s school's message board whereby the school(s) can post a variety of information for you to view.</p> |
|  Class Registration | <p>On the Class Registration page, students and their parents can manage their course requests for the next school year.</p> |
|  Balance | <p>The Balance page displays a student's lunch balance or fee transaction information for the current term.</p> |
|  My Schedule | <p>The My Schedule page will display the selected student's schedule, which can be viewed in two ways: a Week View schedule and a Matrix View schedule.</p> |
|  School Information | <p>The School Information page displays the physical address and contact information for the selected student's school.</p> |
|  Account Preferences | <p>The Account Preferences page provides you will the ability to manage your parent account information, including your name, user name, password, and email address. In addition, you can add any and all students for whom you have legal and parental rights to your account in order to view their information by way of your account.</p> |